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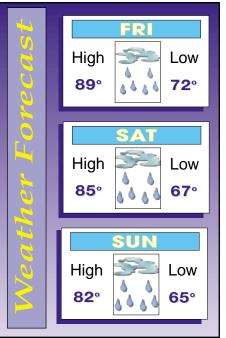


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Stewart/ Hunter soldiers take on terror: Special insert inside



Spc. Jacob Boye

A Fort Stewart firefighter helps Spc. Trenton McKee, a simulateed casualty, get to the decontamination area during the Marne Shield exercise Sept. 19. For more about Marne Shield, see page 2A.

Bush vows to handle Hussein, terrorist threat

Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — "We will not allow the world's worst leaders to threaten us with the world's worst weapons," President Bush vowed Monday.

In an address at an Army National Guard facility in Trenton, N.J., the president said the United States would deal with Saddam Hussein with or without the world's support.

"This is a man who would use weapons of mass destruction at the drop of a hat," Bush said. The Iraqi dictator would also "be willing to team up with terrorist organizations with weapons of mass destruction to threaten America and our allies."

For 11 long years after telling the United Nations he would not develop weapons of mass destruction, Saddam has "stiffed the world," Bush said. "He looked at the United Nations and said, 'This is a paper tiger. Their resolutions mean nothing."

He said he went to the United Nations Sept. 12 to convey the severity of the Iraqi threat and the strength of America's resolve to do something about it.

"I said to the United Nations,
"We have a true threat that faces
America, a threat that faces the
world and a threat which diminishes your capacity," Bush said.
"Either you can become a league
of nations, ... an organization
which is nothing but a debating
society, or you can be an organization which is robust enough and

strong enough to help keep the peace. Your choice."

The president wants to see a strong resolution come out of the United Nations. "A resolution which says the old ways of deceit are gone," he said, "a resolution which will hold this man to account."

United States will not tire in the war against global terrorism. "I've made it clear to the world that either you're with us, or you're with the enemy," he said, "and that doctrine still stands."

Terrorists hate the United

Bush also stressed that the

Terrorists hate the United States because of its freedoms and because "every human life is a life of dignity," Bush said. That's not the way the enemy thinks, he asserted.

"Our enemy hates innocent life," he said. "They're willing to kill in the name of a great religion. And as long as we love freedom and love liberty and value human life, they're going to try to hurt us."

To counter terrorism, he said, "We must be flexible. We must be strong. We must be ready to take the enemy on anywhere he decides to hit us, whether it's America or anywhere else in the globe."

Defending the American homeland is the government's most important job, he said. "We must do everything we can — everything in our power to keep America safe. And the best way to secure our homeland, the only

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Spartans send troops to Kuwait

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Associate Editor

Soldiers from 123rd Signal Battalion and E Troop, 9th Cavalry Regiment deployed Sept. 19 from Hunter Army Airfield to provide communication and reconnaissance support for the 2nd Brigade Combat Team in Operation Desert Spring as they maintain stability in the region.

The two units deployed together because they will be training together in Kuwait. 9th Cav. soldiers are forward

observers, 123rd Sig. soldiers provide communication support for the 2nd BCT, and the 2nd BCT makes some of their decisions based on that information, according to Sgt. Felipe Vega, E Troop, 9th Cav.

1st. Lt. Christina Buchta, 51st Signal Battalion from Fort Bragg, which has soldiers supporting 123rd Sig., said she is confident the training will go well.

"It's just a regular rotation for us. We'll get some good

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Winn prenatal approved by state assessment team

Laurie Dunlop

Winn Army Community Hospital Public Affairs

Each year, a state-funded team of health professionals from Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah inspects perinatal care at Winn Army Community Hospital along with 13 other hospitals in a 24-county region. The team assesses whether each hospital is complying with the minimum standard of perinatal care.

Winn's site inspection Sept. 17 was conducted by Dr. Hal Bivins, a perinatologist, Judy Layden, a perinatal outreach coordinator, Tammy Pinyan, perinatal outreach educator, Dr. Daniel Sandler, a neonatologist, and Marcey Soeffner, a maternal transport coordinator.

During the inspection they reviewed Winn's policies and procedures manual, they inspected the facility and equipment, and reviewed how maternal and neonatal transports are conducted. Transports are the way Winn transitions obstetric patients and infants go to hospitals with a higher level of acute

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Engineers recognized for Afghanistan deployment

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Sgt. Cr Staff Writer

"What a great day to be an engineer," said Lt. Col. Mark G. Moffatt, 92nd Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) commander, as soldiers from the 92nd Eng. Bn. were recognized for their achievements in support of Operation Enduring Freedom Sept. 18 at Moon Theater.

The battalion, which began shipping out to locations throughout Central Asia and Afghanistan Nov. 5, 2001, was redeployed to Fort Stewart by Aug. 20.

They completed numerous missions to include the construction of administrative facilities, roads, airfield repair and survivability positions as well as mine clearing operations.

"I am extremely proud of this organization," said Capt. Stephanie R. Ahern, A Co., 92nd Eng. Bn. commander. "We have great soldiers and great leaders who excelled when put to the test."

Following remarks from Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.), Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield commanding general, he presented 38 soldiers of the 92nd Eng. Bn. with Bronze Star medals.

"I was shocked," said Spc. Derek C. Strickland, Bronze Star awardee and heavy equipment operator for A Co., 92nd Eng. Bn. "I had been notified prior to receiving it, but I didn't believe it until General Blount placed it on my chest."

General Blount placed it on my chest."
Strickland then said, with a sly and modest smile, "I'm a hard charger."

Strickland was the only junior enlisted soldier to receive a Bronze Star.

More than 230 soldiers in the battalion were awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

"Every soldier in the battalion who deployed (to Central Asia) and put forth



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount III, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.), Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield commanding general, presents Spc. Derek C. Strickland, A Co., 92nd Eng. Bn., with a Bronze Star.

the sweat, time, and maximum effort is deserving of the recognition," said 1st Sgt. Jeffrey W. Poulin, B Co., 92nd Eng. Bn. first sergeant.

Bn. first sergeant.

Moffatt attributed his battalion's success to many-a-soldier's foundation —

"We wouldn't have been able to accomplish all we had without the sup-

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First response

Directorate of public safety teams up with

Directorate of public safety teams up with local organizations to test Fort Stewart's emergency capabilities in Marne Shield

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

Emergency response teams from Fort Stewart and the surrounding area drilled to react to a terrorist attack here during Marne Shield Sept. 19.

The scenario involved terrorists crashing a truck through Gate 3, followed by the truck exploding and releasing chlorine gas, said Col. Gerald J. Poltorak, garrison commander.

The Fort Stewart Fire Department, military police and emergency medical technicians joined with the Hinesville Fire Department, the Liberty County Sheriff's Department and Lifestar to respond to the drill.

An evaluator from Forces Command oversaw the drill, said Lt. Col. Mack Huey, installation provost marshal. The drill was given an overall green rating, which means everyone is trained proficiently.

"We're required by FORSCOM to conduct a force protection exercise annually," Huey said. "It tested our first responder capability, as well as our ability to rapidly react to emergency situations by deploying elements of the Directorate of Public Safety to an incident."

The priorities of the exercise were to save human life, secure and contain the area, and perform a criminal investigation and cleanup, Huey said.

"The most important thing was that we reacted rapidly, assessed the situation and took appropriate action to mitigate any additional casualties or injuries," he said.

Even though the responders were told in

advance the drill would be Sept. 19, the details of what time and what kind of incident were kept from them to provide authenticity, Huey said.

"Our intent was to keep as much artificiality out as we could," he said. "We wanted to have everybody react without having any idea as to what the scenario was."

Simulated casualties were used, including stand-in terrorists with head injuries. With the "release" of chlorine gas, the casualties mostly complained of nausea, dizziness and the inability to breathe.

The simulated casualties were evacuated to a triage area and decontaminated as part of the drill. Rescue personnel had to carry many of them while wearing full fire and hazardous material protection.

"It's hot, and it's always good to practice in your gear," said John Headrick, a firefighter with the Fort Stewart HAZMAT team. "The heat takes a physical toll on everybody. It helps with the training."

Huey was pleased with the performance of the reaction team, he said. It is important the team does well, because they are the first ones on the scene "99 percent of the time," he said.

"It was a very good exercise, because we tested our ability to carry out our mission," Huey said. "We learned an awful lot. We'll do even better next time."

"It was a tremendous exercise," Poltorak said. "The challenge was not to impact the local community. We were able to exercise our warning and communication standard operating procedures."



Photos by Spc. Jacob Boyer

Spc. Trenton McKee, HHC, 3/7 Inf., and Sgt. Tonya Hill, A Co., Headquarters Command, wait in an ambulance after going through decontamination procedures.



Fort Stewart firefighters secure Pfc. Chris Cardone to a stretcher for transport.



Members of Fort Stewart's hazardous materials team decontaminate a soldier after he has been removed from the crash site.





A "terrorist" waits for emergency personnel to evaluate him in the driver's seat of the truck that ran through Gate 3.

The Lifestar crew loads a "critically injured" soldier onto their helicopter for transport to Savannah.

Spc. Robin M. Tenney

Staff Writer

Three Fort Stewart units recently attained the status of "DUI-free."

The 549th Military Police Company, the 179th MP Co. and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 87th Corps Support Battalion have all logged more than 500 days with no incidents of driving-under-the-influence.

HHC, 87th CSB has managed to accrue the greatest number of DUI-free days with 1,212

"We are ecstatic that we (the unit) continue to add to what previous commanders have already accomplished," said Capt. Kerry King, HHC, 87th CSB commander.

The 549th MP Co. has gone 537 days without

a soldier receiving a DUI citation. "This unit has had so many outstanding accom-

plishments in the last two years and this just adds to the list," said 1st Sgt. Freddie Brock, 549th MP Co. first sergeant. "This is a great achievement for our soldiers and family members.'

The units attribute their DUI-free status to education, discipline and teamwork.

"We have a lot of education and training on

drinking and driving," said King. "We have even had guest speakers come in from Winn."

"We are a close-knit group," said 1st Sgt. Lula Brownlee, 179th MP Co. first sergeant. "The soldiers all know that they can always call someone."

"Our soldiers know that if they get in a situation where they need help or a ride, they can call and we will come pick them up," Brock said. "We know as leaders we can talk about drinking and driving and the repercussions from that action, but it's up to the soldier to have the discipline to know right from wrong.'

For the military police companies, the responsibility of remaining DUI-free comes with the job.

"As MP's we are much more sensitive to doing wrong," Brownlee said. "We want to catch DUI's, not be one."

"The military police are professionals and we value the image we uphold in this division," Brock

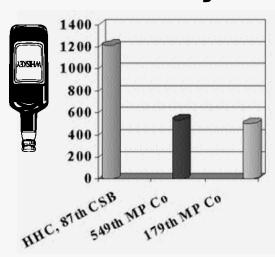
The units plan to continue their status of DUI-

"We will continue to preach safety in writing through counseling," Brownlee said.

"We will continue to have classes and safetyday training," King said. "We are leaders in being DUI-free. Our soldiers take pride in being DUI

"We will continue to emphasize helping one another," Brock said. "We have people all over the Hinesville and Savannah areas who will stop what they are doing to help a soldier in need."

"DUI-free" days



For a unit to attain "DUI-free" status, it must go for 500 days with no incidents of driving under the influence. The graph below shows the three "DUI-free" units that are surpassing that mark.

> HHC, 87th CSB ■ 549th MP Co ■ 179th MP Co





Revised policy spells out war-time benefits for deployed troops

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army news Service

WASHINGTON — With more detail, but less legalese, a revised deployment and mobilization policy on operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle will hopefully eliminate problems with orders, Army officials said.

Some soldiers have shipped their privately owned vehicles overseas on temporary duty orders, which is not allowed, said Lt. Col. Nobel Lugo, a finance action officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1. Then there are some soldiers who are getting unauthorized per diem, he added.

The Personnel Policy Guidance, which published www.odcsper.army.mil/, contains eight sections that outline everything from deploying to redeploying troops who are engaged in the war on terrorism.

It also delves into equipment, medical and dental and family assistance for deployed troops.

"The biggest problem is that soldiers don't know what their entitlements are," Lugo said. "The PPG is written in simple terms so that anyone can understand it. It's not for a specific audience, but I advise the people who publish orders to visit the Web site."

Example travel orders for both operations are printed in the policy because clerks were using orders that were made for other operations and just changing the name, Lugo said. Soldiers also need to understand that the entitlements are different for both Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle.

Reserve-component soldiers mobilized for the stateside operation, Noble Eagle, are authorized movement and storage of their household goods. However, personnel assigned to Operation Enduring Freedom are not authorized to store or move their household goods, the PPG states.

Entitlements are not only different

between Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, soldiers participating in the same operation may have inequities of benefits.

Personnel mobilized for Noble Eagle, who had to leave their local commuting area, are entitled to travel pay to the duty station and then back home after the mobilization. They are also authorized per diem during the entire period of active duty, according to the policy.

Personnel ordered to duty at a location within their local commuting area are also entitled to travel pay to the duty station and back home after the mobilization. However, they are not authorized per diem or mileage during the activeduty tour, the policy states.

Even though the first PPG came out Oct. 19 (2001), it left a lot for interpretation," Lugo said. "It was finalized, but we were still writing and rewriting. There will be changes, and we'll reflect that in the policy.'

The entitlement section had the most changes, but that's always the case, said Lt. Col. Corrina Boggess, chief of Mobilization Military Branch, Operations Division, G1. As an operation matures, additional information comes in. Awards are another example of entitlements that have to be added later in the operation.

Initially there are no awards for a particular operation, but now mobilized reservists can wear the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device, Boggess said. Personnel policy guidance is written for any contingency the military is involved in, and all the specific requirements and benefits for that particular theater are published in the guid-

ance, Boggess said. Devising this policy was a unique experience because it was the first time a PPG had been done for a stateside operation, Boggess said. There were also no previous plans stating what type of equipment and immunizations were going to be needed for the Afghanistan

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

Listen & learn

Veterans best history teachers for today's soldiers

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

Those that came before us set the precedents we follow in the present. Without the past, we wouldn't be where we are now. The sacrifice of past soldiers ensured that there is a now, just as the sacrifices we make today ensure there will be a tomorrow.

You hear a lot of things like this, both in the civilian world and in the military. Many Americans speak of how grateful they are to live in a nation in which they are allowed to live as they wish, something we as soldiers pledge ourselves to protect every day. But we are not the first to do this, nor will we be the last. And it is important that we remember the past before it slips away from us.

I had the opportunity to reflect on this two weeks ago when I attended the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division's annual reunion in Buffalo, N.Y. Going up there, I knew I was going to write some stories about the goings-on at the reunion and talk to a few veterans while I was at it. I got more than I bargained for, and

Retired Sgt. Maj.

Inf. Div., 1951-1953

Gary G. Beylickjian

Heavy Machine Gun Platoon, H Co., 7th Inf. Regt., 3rd

hen the guns are silent and the

heavy bluish cloud of spent

gunpowder dissipates, the hor-

ror of war once again becomes a reality.

Death and destruction are the con-

No beauty is born in battle, only sav-

agery. Yet, among the collapsed bunkers,

the half-buried trenches, the destroyed

foxholes and demolished gun emplace-

wounded and some clinging to life, yet

ments, there are miracles galore. Men

emerge alive, some unscathed, some

Uniforms are filthy; hands and

faces, dirty. Facial expressions are

frozen by numbness. The men not

only fought an armed enemy, but

Ironically, life and death share the same stage in war. Both are key play-

to reflect or ponder about living or

dying; there's no time when shells

explode around you and machine guns

chaos abounds. Kill or be killed rarely

enters the mind; defending, protecting,

surviving reign.

chatter with each burst of six rounds and

An officer who served in World War

II told me during my early days in com-

bat that destiny rules. Some soldiers go

Others see only a brief moment of war's

ers, destiny carries them through the hor-

pages of destiny's book, the captain told

me, can't be torn out, replaced or rewrit-

After a certain age, a combat soldier

certain memories would fade or go away.

Much of what I saw and heard along

the battle lines of Korea are still with me

- some in living color. I learned early

who lives to old age is left only with

But, that won't happen. It would be

what was. Some of us would wish that

horrors and succumb. And for still oth-

through battles with few scratches.

rors and deposits them into old age.

They become combat veterans. The

ten. And the ink is fast.

rewriting destiny's book.

death itself and won on both counts.

Participants in battle have little time

We had just repelled an enemy attack,

and as in all armed conflicts, the out-

come on both sides was not pretty.

stant. Both are ugly sides of war.

It's amazing how quickly many of them will sit down for a beverage with you and tell you everything you ever wanted to know about their service in World War II and

Korea. Here they were,

men who had been

through horrors most modern soldiers only read about or imagine, and most of them discussed it matter-offactly. They joked about the rail gun at the Anzio beachhead. They talked fondly of comrades who had fallen next to them. They remembered, and they handed their tales down to whomever would

take a few minutes to listen.

More of us should take the time to listen. From the time we come into the Army, we are given lectures and speeches about unit histories, famous battles and great heroes. But after talking to these men, a quick briefing on PowerPoint at Basic Training pales in comparison, as does anything you can find in a history book about those faraway African, European and Asian locales and the American blood spilled there.

am richer for — **Commentary**— I heard stories

from men who would have been dead had they stayed in their seat on a transport just a minute longer. I heard several accounts of the battle at Anzio. The wealth of

knowledge available from these veterans is immeasurable. Some told of holding a hill in the bloody final days of the Korean War. Others told of the letters home, the families they missed, and the lives they'd left behind.

Many discussed frankly the nightmares they still have today of battles far gone. And even they don't regret their service, regardless of the psychological consequences. They still spoke of those experiences with pride.

I saw men who hadn't seen each other since they were on some war-torn battlefield more than 50 years ago reunite. They'd talk, laugh and even cry about all that had happened since they'd returned home. The lives they built had special meaning for many, because

they were the ones who had managed to come home and live those lives in their buddies' stead.

Another thing many a veteran talked about was the people who had been at the last reunion who weren't at this one. It struck me that there were other stories that I, along with many others, would never again get the chance to hear. Unique perspectives on these events are lost regularly as the generations that fought in these wars pass from this earth.

Every soldier should take the opportunity to listen to a vet any time they get the chance. We hear of history every day, but these men lived it, and we owe it to them to make sure their stories aren't lost to time when they leave

I realize now how lucky I was to have the opportunity to go to Buffalo, something I looked at as another week of work when I flew out of the Savannah airport two weeks ago. I got to learn about the history of this proud division, and this proud Army, from the men who set the standard for every soldier serving today. Every soldier should be so lucky.

Marne Voice

THE FRONTLINE

Readers respond to the question:

How has the service of veterans benefited soldiers today?

"Made it safe for me and my family to live in this country."

Spc. Jason Gamblin HSC, 92nd Eng.





"Given us freedom and more opportunities in and out of the service."

Pvt. 2 Mario Lopez **South Atlantic Division Veterinary Corps**

"Through research and lessons learned, they have laid the guidelines for today's soldier to focus on the

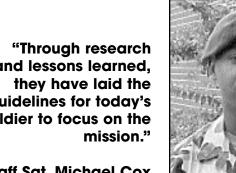
Staff Sgt. Michael Cox 396 Trans. Co.





"AUSA — veterans continuously lobby for

Sgt. 1st Class Kevin J. Parker HHC, Aviation Bde.



our benefits."

"Improved quality of life for soldiers now and in the future."

> Sgt. Mark Hudock **HHB**, 1/3 ADA





"The Army and soldiers have learned to better prepare for deployments and war."

Staff Sgt. **Timothy Marshall** C Co., 123rd Sig. Bn.

Korea Chronicles

Veteran recalls faces of battle

that battles are fought by the young; the wars are planned by the elders. The young always suffer the most; they have more time to suffer. To see men in their late teens and early twenties struggle to survive in battle and to remain whole is most heart wrenching — and the most

I saw firsthand as one soldier struggled while his friend fought for life after both took part in the battle I noted earlier. I wished for quite some time that I had not been a witness to their plight because of its emotional drain.

But, on further reflection, I was thankful I did. It fortified and certified what I had been told about the bond that unites soldiers who live and die while in harm's

"Death and destruction are the constant. Both are ugly sides of war."

Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Gary G. Beylickjian Korean War veteran

In war a soldier's soul is in heaven; his body is in hell.

Battles can last an hour or many hours

or even days, and once ended, NCOs and officers have an important responsibility: to assess damages to men, equipment and fortifications. Priority is always the men. Everyone must be accounted for and cared for whether or not they are injured, wounded or dead.

The attack that day, although not fierce compared to others, caused severe damage from heavy shelling. Several fortified bunkers collapsed, some weapons were made unusable, trenches dug to seven and eight-feet were now four or five feet. Telephone lines severed.

A check of my platoon revealed: one man injured, two damaged emplacements. The injured soldier was treated and later opted not to be evacuated.

Ammunition was low and trips to the Ammunition Supply Point to replace spent ammo was a must. There was always concern the enemy would regroup and attempt another assault, and

we'd be low on ammo. After checking my platoon, I headed to the rifle company command post to give my report.

On my way along of what remained of one of the trenches, I came across several men kneeling by a soldier who was on his back. A medic was bandaging his abdomen. I recognized one of the men as a squad leader, a sergeant. The wounded soldier had a tight grip of the sergeant's left sleeve.

It appeared the wounded man had a sucking wound, a wound to the abdomen that often makes a sucking sound with each breath. Not a pretty sight, especially when the wound is large and blood is everywhere.

I didn't know the sergeant's name; we wore no name tags on our uniforms back in that Army. I thought I had seen him before. I offered help, but the medic preferred I just talk to the soldier to calm him. There wasn't much to say.

What I saw and heard in that chance meeting, however, impacted me emotionally.

The wounded soldier holding tight to the sergeant's sleeve kept saying something about a "promise." Puzzled, I looked at the sergeant, who said he was the soldier's squad leader. They were good friends, he said. He had promised the wounded man he'd get him back stateside safely and in one piece. A promise he made several times, he said shaking his head.

The soldier, the sergeant said, had been in the wrong place at the wrong

He had occupied a firing emplacement he shouldn't have. "Doc," the medic, was busy trying to dress and redress the wound, working feverishly to stop the blood which had now covered the entire field uniform, and not getting better. There was blood everywhere.

And then I heard the wounded soldier utter a statement that lives with me to this day: "I can't die, Sarge, he said softly, "No one will cry for me!"

That gripped me with emotion. My eyes swelled with tears. The sergeant was going through the same emotions. He turned to me and said the soldier had no family. The Army was all he had ...

Editor's note: To read the remaining half of this commentary, see next week's issue, page 4A.

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Dummies have smart message

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Associate Editor

The difference between you, a family member or friend dying needlessly in a vehicle accident or surviving is so simple — wear a seatbelt — yet people still die needlessly each year on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Sgt. Harold Roxburgh, 179th Military Police Company, has seen 13 deaths since he's been a traffic investigator at Fort Stewart. Ninety percent could have been prevented had the victims been wearing seatbelts, he said.

In order to combat these needless deaths, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Engineers, did something different for their safety day training Friday. They called in the Jesup County Police Department to demonstrate what happens when people don't wear seatbelts.

The training covered three vehicle safety dangers — not wearing seatbelts, riding in the bed of trucks and traveling with children in parents' laps

"We've got a lot of soldiers with kids. We want to educate soldiers on how to transport them," said Capt. Lynn Ray, HHC company commander. She told her soldiers to be safe in automobiles themselves, but also to call people out who are not being safe, calling it a soldier's duty and responsibility.

Roxburgh reminded the soldiers that, under Army Regulation 190-5, soldiers are required to wear their seatbelts whenever and wherever they drive.

For the safety training, W.L. Hires, JCPD, simulated accident scenarios in his rollover truck — a truck hooked up on top of a trailer that spins to simulate accidents. He showed the soldiers what happens to people, represented by crash dummies, in the bed of a truck when the truck flips over – whoever's in it flies out very quickly.

Hires then showed the soldiers what happens to a child sitting in his or her parent's lap

— the child flies out of the parent's lap, out of

the truck, and sometimes under the truck.

Hires finished the demonstration by putting seatbelts on the dummies in the truck. He rolled the truck 34 times — the dummies were fine, sending home his message of how important seatbelts are.



Photos by Spc. Mason T. Lowery

A child-size dummy falls out the window of the Jesup County Police Department's accident simulation vehicle Friday, showing Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Engineer Battalion soldiers the importance of wearing seatbelts.

Roxburgh told the soldiers about an accident he investigated involving a rollover on Rt. 144. The vehicle was totaled, but the soldiers involved were OK because they were

wearing seatbelts.

"What makes me the proudest is they were all wearing seatbelts, they were all sober and they all survived. You can see how it could happen to anyone. If I could get every soldier to wear a seatbelt I wouldn't have a job and I'd love it," he said.

Hires said he teaches the safety demonstra-

tion to save lives, but the message is also very close to him. His first born, W. L. Hires jr., died in a rollover accident while not wearing a seathelt

Ray said, "We see it all the time — accidents, DUIs, low visibility etc. and we always come to the end result — if they had been wearing seatbelts they would have lived."

"A lot of times, visual information sends the message better," Ray said, on why she enlisted the help of the JCPD.

Sgt. Jose Garcia, HHC, 11th Eng. Bn.,



A dummy is crushed by the simulation vehicle, hammering home HHC, 11th Eng. Bn.'s message — seatbelts save

agreed, "This was an eye opener for me. No one should ever drive without seatbelts."

lives.

Ray's message that soldiers carry the responsibility of calling people on their unsafe activities hit home.

"If I saw someone driving with kids without seatbelts, I'd go ahead and make that cor-

Marne memories: 3ID veterans gather for reunion

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

The Society of the 3rd Infantry Division, a group of 3rd Infantry Division veterans, held its first reunion in two years Sept. 12-15 in Buffalo, N.Y.

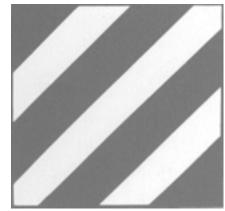
The reunion is typically an annual affair, but the terrorists attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, made several members unable to attend last year's reunion in Phoenix, Arizona, because their flights were grounded.

Jerry Cunningham, the society's president since 2000, was especially happy to have everyone together after two years.

"I feel honored," Cunningham said. "It's great working with the vets and the active duty division. These people mean the world to me."

"It's exhilarating to have so many people here this year after last year's tragedy," said Joseph M. Poggi, the chairman of the reunion committee. "Buffalo is a prime spot to have it."

The weekend kicked off with a dinner and entertainment Sept. 12. The 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.)'s color guard posted the colors before the dinner. The Niagara Frontier Fiddling Club, a bluegrass group, provided music after dinner. The program kicked off with a bluegrass rendition of the Dog Face Soldier



On the following day, the group was treated to a bus tour of the Niagara Falls area. They spent the morning touring the falls and shopping on the Canadian side of the border. Following lunch, they boarded the bus and were given a tour of the Canadian side of the Niagara River, which stopped by the Niagara Gardens and other tourist spots.

"They had a great time on the Canada trip," Poggi said. "They really enjoyed the shopping and sights on the other side of the falls."

The main event of the reunion was a dinner Sept. 14. Col. Bill Weber, assistant division commander (support), Command Sgt. Maj. Julian Kellman, division command sergeant major, and Col. David G. Perkins, 2nd Brigade commander, were all guests of the society at the dinner.

Weber spoke to the veterans about the current status of the Marne Division and the Army in general. After his presentation, he opened the floor to questions from the veterans.

"I just wanted to educate the folks that are here on what the 3rd Infantry is doing," Weber said. "I let them know how busy the division is with deployments and training."

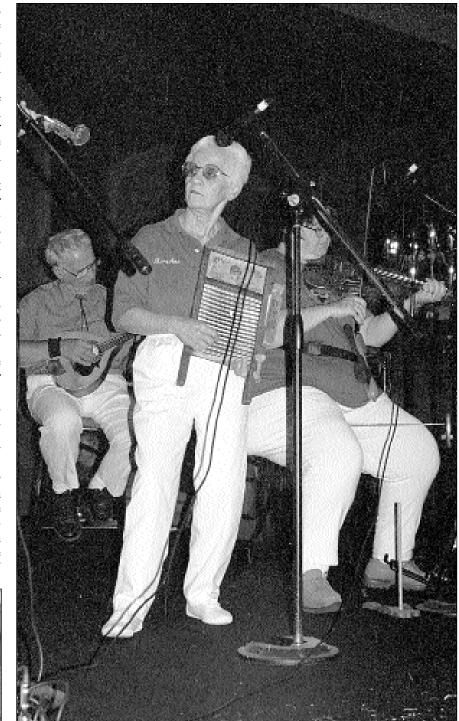
Rear Adm. (retired) Robert Lunney was the keynote speaker for the night. He spoke about the history of the division in Korea, and was noted by Poggi as the first Navy man to speak to the society.

The reunion wrapped up with a solemn memorial breakfast Sept. 15, in which the society honored those that died in combat as well as those who have passed in the years since.

Kellman was honored to be the guest of those who made our lifestyle possible, he said.

"If it wasn't for their sacrifice, who knows what kind of situation we'd be in today," Kellman said. "We'll continue to keep the history of the division going."

"It's always a great opportunity for old soldiers to get together with young soldiers," Weber said of the reunion. "You get a great appreciation and a different perspective on the history of this division. They're great soldiers and great Americans."



Photos by Spc. Jacob Boyer

(Above) The Niagara Frontier Fiddling Club, a bluegrass group, plays music after dinner. The program kicked off with a bluegrass rendition of the Dog Face Soldier Song. The dinner and entertainment kicked off the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division's reunion Sept. 12.

(Left) Veterans spend time together in a garden in Niagra Falls, Canada. Veterans toured both the Canadian and American sides of the falls. Although the reunion is typically an annual affair, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks made several members unable to attend last year's reunion because their flights were cancelled.



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MOUT training prepares infantrymen for future battles

Sgt. Raymond Piper

"It is estimated that by the year 2010, seventy-five percent of the world's population will live in urban areas. Urban areas are expected to be the future pattlefield and combat in urban areas cannot be avoided," according to FM

Soldiers from A Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry, prepared for urban warfare Sept. 16 to 18 with Military Operations on Urban Terrain

A stack or team is made up of to the side for an unwary soldier.

A stack or team is made up of to the side for an unwary soldier. raining at the MOUT site here.

To get to the site, the soldiers flew on UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters, but before they could board the helicopters, they had to get to Wright Army Airfield. The unit, although mechanized, traveled the old fashioned way -

Once they reached the airfield, they went through battle drills to rehearse on how to load the helicopters. Rather than just climbing aboard and going, the company simulated a tactical air lift and air assault.

"Our goal is to train the soldiers to remain battle focused on everything hey do out here," said A Co. 1st Sgt. Jeff Moser. "You train as you fight." The company rehearsed boarding the bird, securing themselves and their equipment, and exiting the aircraft and setting up a perimeter to provide suppressive fire as the helicopters lifted off.

Sgt. Ryan Dean, UH-60 Blackhawk crew chief and flight instructor set nigh standards for the soldiers to meet. He said since the upload and offload simulated a real-world situation, the soldiers had 35 seconds from the time hey reached the rotor wash from the blades to board the helicopter and

secure themselves. Once the bird landed, they had five seconds to exit and set up their perimeter.

After meeting the instructor's standards, the soldiers moved off to the tree line to await the helicopters return. The Blackhawks circled once and landed to add a little more realism to the training.

When all the soldiers arrived at the MOUT site, they went through a class about the basics of clearing a room that may have an enemy waiting on the

A stack or team is made up of three soldiers and a team leader. The team

leader usually is the second or third man so he can give commands to the "Our training objective is to have the soldiers understand why you move as a stack and all of their and the next man's responsibilities," Moser said.

"You can't just bum rush a building and clear it." Team Leader Cpl. Jason Levinsky said, "It's very hard to go into a building and clear it if you haven't worked with the people. We're out here to room. get proficient with the team so you know how your squad will move.

As night fell and the classes finished, the soldiers donned their night vision goggles and began to practice what they had learned. "The night training is familiarization for the soldiers," said Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Molina, 2nd platoon sergeant. "When you go from outside to

inside with NVGs, the light changes, and you to have to refocus them." One of Moser's goals during the training was to keep the soldiers battle focused the entire time they were at the site. When the soldiers were out in the open, they moved tactically from building to building with their weapons at the ready.

"The purpose is to maintain situational awareness and give them practice in moving to prepare them for an actual situation," Moser said.

During the second day, the squads from each platoon prepared for a squad-level force on force operation. Each soldier was equipped with MILES gear and blanks to add more realism to the training. Two squads, one attacking a building and another defending, would put the soldiers' skills to the test.

Machinegunners were positioned to provide suppressive fire as the soldiers moved to the row of buildings they had to clear. The soldiers from first platoon had to clear five rooms. Before they entered a building, a soldier would throw a grenade into the room. After the grenade went off, the first man would move in. The soldiers provided intersecting fields of fire and scanned, not only left and right, but up and down. One of the opposition soldiers proved the importance of scanning the entire room by hiding in the rafters of the building and opening fire as soldiers poured into the

"Drills can get repetitious. When you throw in rounds going off, it adds confusion and gives a sense of reality to the training," said Sgt. Shawn Schumacher, 3rd squad leader, 1st platoon. As each room was cleared, the platoon sergeant made on-the-spot correc-

tions on how to improve how the soldiers shoot, moved and communicated. After each squad was the aggressor and the defender, they continued the training with classes on marking buildings that were cleared and how to clear a stairwell and hallway. The squads practiced their movement techniques throughout the day and also practiced clearing building as a platoon.

The Blackhawks returned on the third day to provide the soldiers a ride

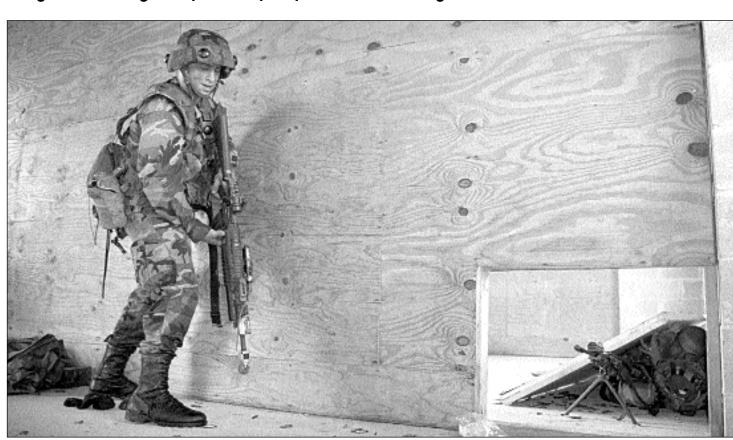




(Above) Soldiers from 2nd Platoon, A Co. 3/15 Infantry rehearse exiting a UH-60 Blackhawk before moving to the MOUT site. The company performed a tactical air lift and air assault on the first day of training. (Left) A soldier that is part of the defense of a row of buildings waits for the attacking squad to enter his building so he can ambush it.



A team begins clearing a room during the squad-on-squad portion of the training.

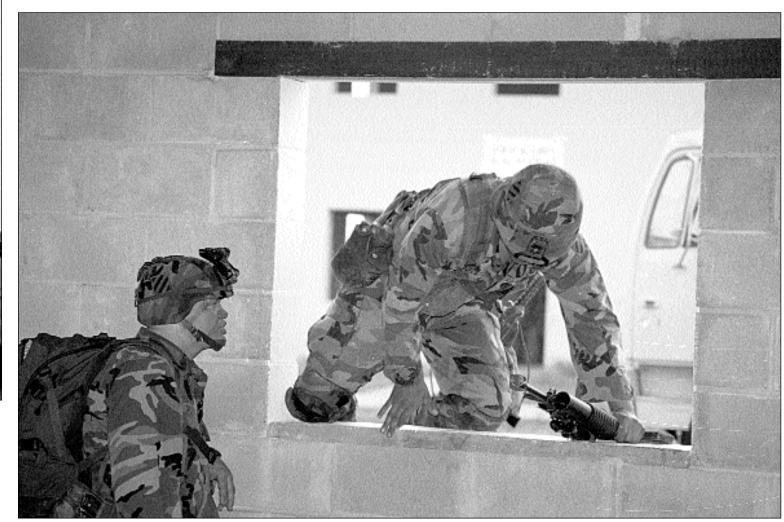




(Above) Sgt. Shawn Schumacher, 3rd Squad leader, 1st platoon, calls for Spc. Wes Marriner, rifleman, to cook off a grenade simulator and throw it into the room before they enter. The infantrymen cooked off the grenades to prevent them from being thrown back at the squad. (Left) Schumacher creeps up to a cubby hole to inspect it as a member of the defending squad waits to catch an unwary soldier in his



(Above) Cpl. Jason Levinsky, a team leader for A Company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry, prepares to clear a short room during Military Operations on Urban Terrain training at the MOUT site Sept. 16 to 18. A short room is one that only two people can fit into comfortably. (Below) A Co. 1st Sgt. Jeff Mock watches as a soldier enters a building through a window. Whenever soldiers moved from building to building, they moved tactically to simulate an actual environment.



Choosing TRICARE: Soldiers have three options for selecting health coverage plan

Compiled by Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Associate Editor

The Army family (active duty soldiers and their families) is eligible for TRICARE medical coverage. So are National Guard and Reserve soldiers and their families who have been activated for more than 30 days.

There are three versions of TRICARE — TRI-CARE Prime, TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Standard.

TRICARE Prime:

In this option, most health care will come from a military treatment facility, augmented by the TRICARE contractor's Preferred Provider Network. All active duty servicemembers are enrolled in TRICARE Prime and will continue to receive most of their care from military medical personnel. For active duty families, there is no enrollment fee for TRICARE Prime, but they must complete an enrollment form.

Your Primary Care Manager (or team of providers) will see you first for your health care needs. The Primary Care Manager provides and/or coordinates your care; maintains your health records; and refers you to specialists, if necessary. (To be covered, specialty care must be arranged and approved by your Primary Care Manager.) Care is usually provided in a military treatment facility, but civilian clinics may be used in some cases.

Who is eligible for TRICARE Prime?

All active duty personnel are enrolled in TRI-CARE Prime. There is no enrollment fee, but you do have to register yourself. The following may also enroll:

- Family members of active duty personnel,
- Retirees and their family members under

age 65.

Advantages of TRICARE Prime: • No enrollment fee for active duty and fami-

- Small fee per visit to civilian providers, and no fee for active duty members;
 - No balance billing;
 - Guaranteed appointments;
- Primary care manager supervises and coordinates care;
 - Away-from-home emergency coverage;

Point-of-Service option; and

• Reduced catastrophic cap for retirees (\$7,500 now decreased to \$3,000).

Disadvantages of TRICARE Prime:

- Enrollment fee for retirees and their families; Provider choice limited;
- Specialty care by referral only; and
- Not universally available.

TRICARE Extra:

Under this option, you will choose a doctor, hospital, or other medical provider listed in the TRICARE Provider Directory. If you need assistance, call the Health Care Finder at your nearest TRICARE Service Center.

Who is eligible for TRICARE Extra?

Anyone who is eligible under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Service may use TRICARE Extra. (Active duty personnel are not CHAMPUS-eligible and are enrolled in TRICARE Prime).

Advantages of TRICARE Extra:

- Co-payment 5% less than TRICARE Standard;
 - No balance billing;
- No enrollment fee;
- No deductible when using retail pharmacy network;
 - No forms to file; and
 - You may use also TRICARE Standard.

Disadvantages of TRICARE Extra:

- No Primary Care Manager;
- Provider choice is limited;
- Patient pays:
- Deductible,
- Co-payment.
- Nonavailability statement may be required for civilian inpatient care for areas surrounding medical treatment facilities; and
 - Not universally available.

TRICARE Standard:

TRICARE Standard is the new name for traditional CHAMPUS.

Under this plan, you can see the authorized provider of your choice. (Those who are happy with coverage from a current civilian provider often opt for this plan.) But having this flexibility means that care generally costs more.

Treatment may also be available at a military treatment facility, if space allows, and after TRI-CARE Prime patients have been served. Furthermore, TRICARE Standard may be the only coverage available in some areas.

Who is eligible for TRICARE Standard?

Anyone who is CHAMPUS-eligible may use TRICARE Standard. (Active duty personnel are not CHAMPUS-eligible and are automatically enrolled in TRICARE Prime).

Advantages of TRICARE Standard:

- Broadest choice of providers;
- Widely available;
- No enrollment fee; and
- You may also use TRICARE Extra.

Disadvantages of TRICARE Standard:

- No Primary Care Manager;
- Patient pays:
- Deductible, — Co-payment,
- Balance if bill exceeds allowable charge and provider is non-participating (up to 15% additional);
- Nonavailability statement may be required for civilian inpatient care for areas surrounding MTFs; and
- Beneficiaries may have to do their own paperwork and file their own claims.

Soldiers and their families can best ensure they get the best treatment possible by being involved in their healthcare and by keeping their Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System record up to date.

The DEERS record will indicate the dates of eligibility. All uniformed services sponsors (active duty or retired) should ensure that their family status (marriage, divorce, new child, etc.) and residential address are current in DEERS. DEERS enrollment is completed at uniformed services personnel offices, not TRICARE service centers. For more information about DEERS, contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office Telephone Center from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, at the following toll-free number: 1-800-538-9552.

Editor's note: Information used in this article came from the TRICARE Web site, www.tri-**CARE.OSD.MIL.** To contact your Tricare service provider, call 368-3048, or visit them at Building T-301, the old Behavioral Health building at

TRICARE

3 options in brief



TRICARE Prime

No enrollment fee

Self-registration required

Most health care comes from a military treatment facility, augmented by the TRICARE contractor's Preferred Provider Network.



No enrollment fee

No deductible when using retail pharmacy network

Personal choice of doctor, hospital, or other medical provider listed in the TRI-CARE Provider Directory.



TRICARE Standard Formally CHAMPUS

Offers broadest choice of providers

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Character Counts reinforces ethical values

Nancy Gould

Directorate of Community Activities & Services Marketing

Four years ago Child and Youth Services at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield initiated "Character Counts," a program for children that reinforces ethical values, called the 'Six Pillars of Character.' The pillars -- trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship -- transcend race, creed, politics, gender and wealth.

Children at Fort Stewart and Hunter performed characterbuilding activities demonstrating those qualities Sept. 6-17, during "American Character Week." The week also commemorated the nation's first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Activities focused on Americans with extraordinary character, including local community servants, such as police officers and firefighters in the military and civilian sectors who showed those traits this past year. Public service careers that interest children were highlighted, as well as community and public service opportunities that provide valuable learning experiences for older youths who volunteer.

Theresa McMillan, School Age Youth Services director at Hunter, said about 30 school age and 15 middle school children and teens are enrolled in her program, ranging from age 6 to 18. They participate in weekly activities throughout the year that highlight a single pillar. McMillan said they have ongoing community service projects, such as nursing home visits and making "happy hats" for terminally ill and cancer

But they observed special events and activities during "Character Counts" week. Each day, children observed five minutes of silence, beginning at 5 p.m., to celebrate American Character Week and to show tribute to those who have given unselfishly of themselves to others. They wrote their thoughts and feelings about the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. They also made and distributed patriotic pens, displayed patriotic art and celebrated the virtues of good character with a cook out. At the end of the week, about 25 caravanned in "Appreciation Wagons" to Military Police and fire stations, presenting baskets, filled with treats and hand-made gifts to MPs and firefighters.

Kindergarten through fifth-grade children from School Age Services at Fort Stewart also celebrated the week, making red, white and blue patriotic pins from ribbons for the Directorate of Community Activities staff. Groups of 10 to 12 children also presented MPs at guard stations with buttons decorated as American flags, and other buttons that read I Love You and Thank You.

Evelyn Alspons, Youth Services programmer at Fort Stewart, said many of the 40 members enrolled in Fort Stewart's Middle School/Teen program participated in those same events held at Hunter.

"We work as a team with Hunter throughout the year," said Alspon. "Our goals are the same -- we want to increase youth involvement in programs like Character Counts and show kids we have fun."

Two teens from Hunter and one from Fort Stewart attended a week of training in Colorado this past summer at a "Character Counts" forum. Jerome Miller, age 16, and Brad Stanley, age 18, from Hunter, along with 14-year old Sabrina Heath from Fort Stewart, were chosen to represent the installations because of their outstanding leadership qualities. They interact daily with their peers in play and academics and are looked to as role models. All three want to continue some form of public service into their adult years.

"Since I'm good in math, I tutor," said Stanley. "I like helping the kids, but I also think this helps me. I've developed more patience and understanding, and now I see what teachers go through."

"Two Easters ago I dressed up like the Easter Bunny," Miller said. "I like to have fun with little kids and try to respect them by hearing what they have to say. I also like to get on their level when I talk to them so they understand what I'm trying to say. Mentoring them now will help me later when I get into my career. To be successful in the computer science field, I'll have to know how to relate to and understand all types of people."

The "Character Counts" program for children at Fort Stewart and Hunter is very successful, according to Geno Smalls, Hunter School Age and Youth Services sports director. "I recently saw a little six year old reach down and help his

friend up after a bad fall," Smalls said. This program is teaching kids how to respect each other. I see that demonstrated all the time around here. We stress teamwork and encourage our older children to find creative solutions to their problems. The bottom line is that character does count and good character is something you don't see much of these days. Kids are beginning to understand the value of showing respect and of being trustworthy. If we can teach them to live up to all of the six pillars of character, we'll have



Master Sgt. David James, Hunter Army Airfield Provost Marshal Office's operations NCO, explains how police car features help his staff enforce the law.

Army family team building to host marathon

Nancy Gould

Directorate of Community Activities & Services Marketing

An Army Family Team Building Marathon is scheduled Oct. 7 through 11, at Club Stewart from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., for military family members, civilians, and retirees from Fort Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield, and surrounding areas. The training promotes personal growth and empowerment by increasing

knowledge, independence and self-reliance. The AFTB program is an Army-wide selfdevelopment educational program that offers classes designed and taught by and for military family members. The program is offered by Army Community Service and supported by the Directorate of Community Activities and Services and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander.

Classes taught during the five-day marathon include volunteer management, Family Readiness, communication, time management, advanced leadership, presentation development, coaching, mentoring, advising

The marathon, one of the first of its type at Fort Stewart, allows students to complete all

classes in Level II and Level III modules in one time allotment, rather than fragmented sessions offered throughout the year. The marathon includes classes that have been difficult for students to take in the past because of intermittent scheduling.

"I've been at Fort Stewart three years and haven't seen this here or at Hunter Army Airfield," said Stacy Thompson, AFTB program manager.

"We want to give students the chance to take and finish both levels. For those who have tried to complete Level II or III but couldn't, it's now going to be easy. All they

have to do is take the classes they need. The AFTB Marathon gives them an opportunity to complete the process and move forward in their personal growth, and for some, to teach

'We hope this increases student participation. We also hope everyone sees that we are trying to making AFTB as user friendly as possible. The marathon is going to be a week full of learning and fun."

To register for classes contact Thompson at 767-AFTB (2382), 767-5058, or 767-5059. Call early since space is limited. Students may bring lunch to class since it is not provided.



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secure our homeland, the only sure way to make sure our children are free and our children's children are free, is to hunt the killers down wherever they hide, is to hunt them down one by one and bring them to justice."

Global terrorism is a different kind of war, he noted, and the nation has "begun to adjust its thinking" accordingly, the president said.

Oceans no longer keep us safe," he said. "In the old days, you could measure progress by looking at how many tanks the enemy had one day and how many he had the next day, and whether or not his airplanes were flying, whether or not his ships were floating on the seas.

This kind of war "is not measured in equipment destroyed," Bush said. "It's going to be measured in people brought to justice, and we're making progress."

Ú.S. and international law enforcement officials have arrested or brought to justice thousands of suspected terrorists. "Slowly, but surely," he said, "we're finding them where they think they can hide.

"We brought in one of them the other day," Bush continued. "He thought he was going to be the 20th hijacker. At least he was bragging that way. I don't know if he's bragging now. He thought he was immune. He thought he was invisible. He thought he could hide from the long arm of justice.

U.S. and coalition military forces have also dealt with a couple of thousands of terrorists. Some met their fate while others are on the run, he noted.

"As part of our doctrine," Bush said, "we're going to make sure there's no place for them to light, no place for them to hide. These are haters and they're killers. We owe it to the American people, and we owe it to our friends and allies, to pursue them no matter where they try to hide.'

Bush said he asked Congress for the largest increase in defense spending since Ronald Reagan was president. "I did so because I firmly believe that any time we commit our troops into harm's way, they deserve the best pay, the best training and the best possible equipment.

"I also asked for a large increase because I want to send a clear signal to the rest of the world that we're in this for the long haul — that there is no calendar on my desk that says by such and such a date we're going to quit. That by such and such a date we'll all have grown weary, we're too tired and therefore we're coming home. That's not the way we think in America."

Americans understand obligation and responsibility, he said. "We have a responsibility to our children to fight for freedom. We have a responsibility to our citizens to defend our homeland.

"That means not only dealing with real, immediate threats," the president said. "It also means anticipating threats before they occur, before things happen. It means we've got to look out in the future and understand the

new world in which we live and deal with threats before it's too late."



1st Lt. Christina Buchta gets in one last phone call before deploying to Kuwait to support the 2nd Brigade Combat Team.

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training in. My NCOs are outstanding.

"It will be a good experience for me and my soldiers, we're all looking forward to it," she said.

Vega said, "It's going to help me and my soldiers prepare for unforeseen future events.

"We're ready. We're the Brigade Reconnaissance Team – a small, elite group of people ready to do what's got to be done."

Vega's soldiers' are excited to deploy, he said. Two of his soldiers are changing duty stations in the near future, and could have not gone with their troop, but opted to go, saying they wanted the experience.

It feels good to provide commo support to a division that has been and is premiere — right out front on the frontlines of all the Army's deployments," said Spc. Stephen Roberson, B Company, 123rd Sig. 'We're there — wherever the Army needs to be.'

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port of all the family members in readily available makes me apprecithe battalion," Moffatt said. "They were the soldiers' rock."

Overall, the soldiers were happy

"I have a new perspective on

ate the little things in life a lot

As the 92nd Eng. Bn. cleared out of the theater, Poulin summed up

Winn

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care in instances when specialized treatment is needed.

"Everything looked great!" said Layden. "We had some very minor suggestions for improvement, but overall everything at Winn was clean and appropriate care for patients.'

The from team Memorial visits hospitals throughout their region like Winn to look at medical practice issues.

They give recommendations for new therapies, answer questions, and give an overall assessment of the perinatal care. The team is filla state-funded requirement to ensure all hospitals are providing a minimum standard of perinatal care in Georgia. However, each member

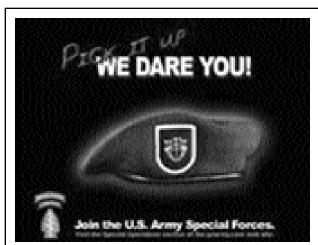
of the team also has a separate full-time prac-

Layden, Pinyan, and Soeffner are registered nurses.

Bivins said that they have found violations of care at other hospitals. "We've had to come down hard on some of them," said Bivins.

Dr. Bivins and the other members of the team concluded that patients using Winn Army Community Hospital for obstetric and newborn care will get very good care. "They provide good risk-appropriate care here," said Bivins.

In fact, according to Bivins, Winn Army Community Hospital is one of the best hospitals they rated.



The Special Forces recruiting office is seeking enlisted and officer volunteers to join the ranks of one of America's premier forces.

Enlisted males, private first class to sergeant first class and officers commissioned in 1999 or

2000 may qualify. Briefings are held every Wednesday at Fort Stewart in Building 132 (Coastal Utilities) at 10

a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 767-0229 or 876-

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to be back at Fort Stewart.

things," Strickland said. "Having toilets that flush and running water

the feelings of most of the soldiers with a simple, blunt sentence, "It's damn good to be home."



If you accidentally discover an archaeological site on Fort Stewart:

- 1. Cease what you are doing immediately.
- 2. Notify Range Control at 767-8777.
- 3. Do not attempt to unearth the object or remove it.



Stewart's ENRD repairs roads to maintain training platform

Anthony Austermann

Environmental Specialist

"Good military training is the platform for our national security. and the environment is the platform for our training. This is the mindset of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division at Fort Stewart. Consequently, protecting and preserving the environment is an important responsibility for us. In fact, the overall habitat created by training actually sustains various species of wildlife, which adds to the value of our efforts," said Tom Fry, chief of the ENRD.

He added, "However, there have been obstacles that must be overcome which will enable us to have a sustainable training area.'

According to George Harris, ENRD environmental specialist, "Fort Stewart Road 129 East has, in the past, been a significant problem to maintain due to its steep grade and heavy use by track vehicles traveling between firing points 24 and 30. Rain events cause high silt and sediment loads to leave the roadbed, wash into the ditches, and then flow down-slope into a riparian zone bor-

Road-upkeep protects wildlife, training areas

Before



Billy Wiggins

FS 129 East was eroding at an alarming rate, creating 10 to 15 foot gullies on either side of the road like the one pictured above.

dering Canoochee Creek."

This was a problem from a training standpoint, but caused environmental issues as well. This unnatural buildup of sediment changed the character of the wetland, as well as affecting water quality, and potentially, the overall aquatic ecology of the stream. The resulting erosion not only made the road a safety hazard, but the silt and sediment entering

After



Billy Wiggins

Crushed granite, surge rock and industrial fabric have created a durable, stable road while improving the environment.

Canoochee Creek may have been perceived as a violation of the Clean Water Act.

"Previous efforts have been primarily directed at just maintenance of the road's surface," stated Harris. This means crews would grade and pull ditches which efficiently drained stormwater runoff from the road surface, but transferred silt and sediment directly into the waters of the State of Georgia," Harris said.

Under Georgia law, "waters of the state" include anything that may contain water, such as culverts, ditches, drainage canals, creeks, streams, rivers, lakes, and oceans. Thus, FS 129 East had become a major erosion and safety problem as gullies formed on its shoulders, some as deep as 15 feet.

According to Harris, "Something had to change. So, the Fort Stewart Environmental Branch devised a plan to resolve the problem based on a design proven to be effective at Quantico Marine Base. Those roads have been in place now, and nearly maintenance-free, for several years.'

Prior to construction, FS 129 East had to first be repaired.

This required backfilling the extensive erosion and establishing the roadbed by adding a new solid clay cap. Then nearly one mile of industrial fabric was stretched over the new roadbed followed by almost a week of rock hauling, spreading, and compacting the new road surface. Next, 9,000 tons of crushed granite rock was applied to the road surface, which after being watered and packed, created a concrete-like

surface over the entire length of the roadway. In addition to stabilizing the roadbed, the project also involved improvements to the ditches along the roadway. This involved lining the ditches with industrial fabric and a layer of surge rock. Rock checkdams were constructed to help slow water flow within the ditches, thereby allowing silt and sediment to settle out prior to reaching the wetland.

'The placement of rock along with hydro-seeding the shoulders should prevent any future problems with the transfer of silts and sediments into our rivers and streams as well as contributing to the sustainability of the training platform, explained Harris.

According to Fry now, as long as tracked vehicles travel this section of roadway in a straight line, with no turns or neutral steers, this new roadway should last a very long time as well as protecting the stream it cross-

He added, "This is another example of how Fort Stewart's ENRI staff and the military trainer have worked together to successfully achieve a sustainable training environment."

Congressman, 38th EOD work together to restore Civil War torpedo

Beth Willis-Stevenson

Environmental Specialist, DPW-Environmental Branch

Thanks to the efforts of U.S. Rep. Jack Kingston of Georgia and the Army, a rare Civil War-era underwater torpedo is currently undergoing restoration.

As reported in an earlier Frontline article, in May 2001, Fort Stewart's 38th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company responded to an emergency call involving a weathered and rusted mine that had turned up in dredge spoils from the Savannah River. The 300pound relic, discovered on Elba Island near Savannah, turned out to be a Civil War-era cast iron mine with brass detonator.

The mine was unearthed by a contractor for the Southern Liquefied Natural Gas. Upon recognizing it as potentially dangerous, local fire and police departments were notified who in turn contacted the 38th EOD.

By the time the 38th EOD soldiers arrived on the scene, representatives from local historical societies and museums were already present. They were adamant that the bomb not be destroyed and had initiated contact from the view of Union ships operating in with congressman Kingston who personally requested that the EOD experts suspend efforts to detonate the torpedo until plans to preserve it could be formulated. Later that evening, after several hours of phone calls among the Army chain of command and addressing all safety concerns, the 38th EOD transported the mine to a bunker at Ft. Stewart's ammo storage site for safekeeping.

X-rays of the warhead were unable to confirm whether or not it was inert. However, there was sufficient water contained within the capsule to render the bomb "safe." The old rusted hulk remained in seclusion at Fort Stewart until February at which time it was delivered to the Warren Lasch Conservation Lab in South Carolina for restoration.

This type of ordnance, called an underwater frame torpedo, is only one of six that are known to exist anywhere in the world.

During the Civil War it would have been attached to a wooden frame and anchored to the bottom of the Savannah River at low tide. It was constructed so that when the tide came in, the apparatus would have been hidden

the area. Upon making contact with the hull of a ship, the torpedo would have then exploded.

Restoration is still ongoing at the WLCL where the confederate submarine, the CSS H.L. Hunley, is also currently being refur-

Paul Mardikian, senior conservator at the WLCL said that, "At this time our torpedo patient is being stored in caustics to remove iron chlorides that were accumulated while the device was submerged in the Savannah River. Once this process is complete, the torpedo will again be X-rayed and evaluated as to whether or not the fuse can be removed," stated Mardikian.

He compared the condition of the Civil War relic to that of a trauma patient, in that the time frame for recovery is just not pre-

According to Jennifer Grover, a Fort Stewart cultural resources management specialist for the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, "At this time, the final disposition of the torpedo has not been deter-



A Civil War-era underwater torpedo, found on Elba Island near Savannah in May 2001, is currently being restored at the Warren Lasch Conservation Lab.

mined. However, once restoration is complete it will be displayed at a suitable museum agreed upon by all parties involved."

As noted by Tom Fry, chief of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, "We are fortunate to have a congressman who appreciates the importance of preserving our historic resources and are proud that Fort Stewart could be a part of this

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American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is currently seeking individuals who are interested in volunteering at the hospital, youth center, bowling alley, gym, library and red cross office. We are also seeking to fill volunteer leadership positions. Please contact the Fort Stewart Red Cross Office at 767-2197.

Insurance program

You're invited to find out more about the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program. Here's your chance to attend a program educational meeting — and learn detailed information about the features of the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program. The meeting will be held at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Oct. 24 and 25, at Woodruff Theater. No pre-registration is needed.

For more information, call 1-800-582-3337 or visit **www.** LTCFEDS.com.

Officer candidate school

The next HQDA Officer Candidate School selection board will be conducted at PERSCOM, Jan. 27 through Jan. 31. The Fort Stewart local OCS Board will be conducted at 6:30 a.m., Dec. 11, in the 3rd SSB Conference Room located in Building 621, second floor, Room 215. The deadline for packets to be turned in the Personnel Action Section, Room 212, B Company, 3rd SSB, Building 621, is Nov. 25

AAFES Savings Bonds

AAFES has a Recognizing Excellence program which provides coupons and savings bonds to installation-level soldiers and NCOs of the quarter, month and year.

Recognizing Excellence coupon booklets go to each soldier, NCO and soldier of the month at each post. Floyd Wynn, in charge of all facilities at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, will be happy to present the coupon booklets.

The coupons are good at every AAFES PX/BX around the world and they do not have an expiration date. For more information on how to receive these coupon booklets, please contact Pattie Wise at 767-8330.

Sweepstakes

The Army Morale Welfare Recreation and Hyundai have teamed up to offer an exciting sweepstakes in honor of our military personnel.

The grand prize winner will

receive a brand new 2003 Hyundai Santa Fe GLS 4-wheel-drive SUV and two first prize winners will receive a Sony home entertainment system valued at \$1,500 each.

To register for this sweepstakes visit www.armymwr.com/portal/ events through Sept. 30. One entry allowed per household, individual or e-mail address per day. See official rules on the Web site for further details. No federal endorsement of sponsor is implied. The contest runs through Monday.

Guardfist II

The Guardfist II call for fire facility located in Building 1805 is offering night land navigation classes. Soldiers will receive hands-on training on navigating from point to point during the hours of darkness. This training is especially geared toward soldiers who will be attending Primary Leadership Development Course. The facility also offers classes in map reading as well as call for fire.

For more information, call Randy Scales, facility manager, at 767-6467/6384.

Audie Murphy club

There is a Sergeant Audie Murphy club meeting the fourth Wednesday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the Audie Murphy Conference Room in Building 1. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Jones at 767-9127.

Retiree representative Jake Umholtz has been appoint-

ed as the retiree representative to the Club Stewart Council. In an effort to properly represent the retiree community, please advise the military retirees within your directorate of his appointment, and pass to them an invitation to advise him of their concerns and ideas to improve the club system which includes services and activities available. For more information, call 370-7525 or e-mail at jake.umholtz@stewart.

Hunter Club Cookout

Enjoy ribs and chicken hot off the grill at the Hunter Club cookout, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday Baked beans, cole slaw, peach cobbler and a drink are included in the meal, all for just \$6.50. Regular lunch items will also be available.

Green to Gold

A Green to Gold briefing will be held from 2 to 4 p.m., Oct. 3 at the Hunter Education Center in Room

Hunter Golf Club

The John Rowden Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 4. The Hunter Golf Club will also sponsor the Savannah Coastal Classic ABC Handicap Tournament Oct. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27. Call 352-5622 for more informa-

Tuttle Army Health Clinic

Tuttle will be closed Oct. 10 for Organization Day and Oct. 11 for the training holiday. For urgent care, call 1-800-652-9221. In the event of an emergency, patients are advised to go to the nearest emergency

Home Buyer's Workshop Looking for a new home? Come to the home buyer's workshop Oct. 17 at noon and 6 p.m. in the Army Community Service Building 1286.

For more information or to sign up, call 352-6816.

Make a Difference Day

The Hunter Community Block Party/Make a Difference Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oct. 19 in the Army Community Service Center parking lot, Building 1286.

Hunter Community Meeting

A Hunter Army Airfield Community Meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Oct. 22, at the Army Service Center, Community Building 1286.

Halloween in Housing

The porch light policy will be in effect during trick or treating in the housing areas, from 5 to 8 p.m., Oct.

Rio Gate now open

The Rio Gate is now open to vehicles with Department of Defense decals only. The gate will be open at the following times: 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and Friday; 5:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday; 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The gate will be closed on federal holidays.

NFL tickets

Reserve your tickets now for the Nov. 3 Falcons vs. Ravens and the Dec. 1 Jaguars vs. Steelers games. Call 767-2841 for more informa-

Embry-Riddle free tuition

Did you know Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers classes leading to a Master of Aeronautical Science, a Bachelor of Science degree in Management of Technical Operations, Aviation Business Administration, Aviation Maintenance Management and Professional Aeronautics?

Did you also know that with Army tuition assistance, tuition is free for undergraduates? For more information, call 352-5252 or 355-

Chapter counseling

The Staff Judge Advocate is changing the hours for Chapter counseling. The new hours are: Article 15 counseling — Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m., Chapter/Elimination counseling -Mondays and Wednesdays at 1 p.m., Courts-martial (all levels) Monday through Wednesday and Friday by appointment only, Suspect Rights advice — Monday through Wednesday and Friday, appointments or walk-ins accepted.

Hunter Outdoor Recreation

All facilities at Lott's Island Recreation Area are now open to the general public, to include campground, picnic areas and shelters. the tackle shop, boat hoist and private berthing for boats. For more information, call 767-5722.

Winn

Bereavement support

All military beneficiaries (soldiers and spouses) who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome to attend monthly support group meetings, workshops, and consulting at 7 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month, at Social Work Services, Building 311 adjacent to Winn.

"Winn Delivers" videos

Expectant mothers and partners unable to attend a scheduled labor and delivery tour at Winn can now borrow a video tape that contains a 15-minute "video tour." This video allows families to see what to expect during and after delivery at

Copies are available in the OB-GYN Clinic on the fourth floor or at the Public Affairs Office on the first

Developmental screenings

Are you a military family with children from 0 to 3 years old who are at risk for developmental delays? Call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services at Winn. Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental screenings and assessments.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's development due to premature birth, traumatic birth, serious and chronic illness or disability, call 370-6349.

TRICARE Service Center

All health benefits and TRI-CARE questions can be answered in one place. The TRICARE Service Center is open for business in building T-301, the old Behavioral Health Building, next to the ER and adjacent to the Outpatient Clinic entrance at Winn. The TRICARE Service Center telephone number remained the same, 368-3048. They joined the Health Benefits Branch, already in that

If you have any questions for the Health Benefits Branch, call 370-6015.

Red Cross volunteers

A mandatory orientation brieffor new American Red Cross/Winn volunteers is 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Sept. 6 in the hospital conference room, 2nd Floor. For more information, call 370-6903 or e-mail Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd. army.mil.

Obstetrics class

Obstetrics registration classes are held 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, except the third Thursday of each month, at the Well Women's Center, Room 417, fourth floor. If you have had a positive pregnancy test, call 370-5620 to register for the class. Patients are scheduled to attend the class during or after their eighth week of pregnancy. At the registration class, an appointment for your first OB visit/physical will be made. This appointment should be scheduled by the 12th week of pregnancy. For more information, call 370-5620.

Prenatal/child birth class

This four-session class begins the first Tuesday of every month. Classes are held from 6 to 8 p.m. for four consecutive Tuesdays in the dining facility, first floor. Expectant parents are encouraged to sign up to attend the class by the beginning of their third trimester -- 28 to 32 weeks. To register for the class, call the Winn appointment line, 767-6633, and choose the obstetrics/ gynecology selection. If you have questions, e-mail mary.gambrel@ se.amedd.army. mil.

Labor and delivery tour

Group tours of labor and delivery are held for expectant parents at various times during the month. Expectant mothers, who are in their 32nd week, and their partners are encouraged to take the tour. Tours begin in the waiting area of labor and delivery on the fourth floor at Winn. Tours are Sept 5 and 19.

To register for the tour, call the Winn Appointment Line, 767-6633, and choose the obstetrics and gynecology selection. For questions about the tour, you can e-mail mary.gambrel@se.amedd.army.



POLICE REPORT

- •Subject: Civilian, 19-year-old male • Charges: Assault consummated by bat-
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Specialist, 21-year-old male, 2nd
- Charges: Aggravated assault
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Specialist, 23-year-old male, 2nd
- Charges: Damage to private property,
- assault consummated with battery
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Private First Class, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- Charges: Speeding 61/45, driving while
- license suspended •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Private First Class, 23-year-old

- male, 1st Brigade
- Charges: Speeding 59/45, driving while license suspended
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Staff Sergeant, 38-year-old male, separate battalion
- Charges: Speeding, driving under the
- influence •Location: Bloomingdale
- •Subject: Specialist, 21-year-old male,
- Aviation Brigade • Charges: Assault consummated with bat-
- tery on a child, resisting apprehension •Location: Hunter Army Airfield
- •Subject: Private 2, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- Charges: Aggravated
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Private First Class,
- 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- Charges: Aggravated assault
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Private, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
- Charges: Driving under the influence, failure to obey a lawful order, expired tag
- Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Private First Class, 19-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- Charges: Driving under the influence,
- failure to obey a lawful order
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Civilian, 57-year-old female
- **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Private, 18-year-old male, 2nd
- Charges: Driving while license suspend-
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Civilian, 40-year-old female

- Charges: Improper backing
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Sergeant, 23-year-old male, separate battalion
- •Charges: Improper display of a license plate, failure to register vehicle, failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, driving
- while on post suspension •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Sergeant, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
- Charges: Speeding 68/55, driving while license suspended, driving under post sus-
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Civilian, 47year-old male
- Charges: Speeding 66/55, criminal
- trespassing •Location: Fort
- •Subject: Sergeant, 26year-old male, Aviation
- Brigade Charges: Improper
- backing •Location: Fort
- Stewart
 - •Subject: Civilian, 19-yearold female
 - •Charges: Driving while license suspended
 - •Location: Fort Stewart
 - •Subject: Sergeant First Class, 38year-old male, 24th Corps Support Group • Charges: Driving while license suspend-
- ed, speeding 68/55
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Private 2, 22-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- Charges: Failure to maintain lane, driving under the influence
- •Location: Richmond Hill
- •Subject: Civilian, 32-year-old female
- Charges: Defective headlight, driving while license suspended
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Private, 22-year-old male, sepa-
- Charges: Laying drag, driving under the
- influence
- •Location: Tybee Island
- •Subject: Private 2, 20-year-old female, 24th Corps Support Group
- Charges: Simple assault, drinking underage, communicating a threat
- •Location: Hunter Army Airfield
- •Subject: Sergeant, 30-year-old male, sep-
- Charges: driving under the influence, failure to stop for a red light

- •Location: Savannah
- •Subject: Specialist, 18-year-old female,
- **Division Support Command** •Charges: Speeding 56/30, reckless dri-
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Private First Class, 20-year-old male, Division Artillery
- •Charges: No driver's license, driving without insurance, obstruction of justice
- •Location: Hinesville
- •Subject: Private, 22-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- •Charges: Wrongful appropriation of private property, forgery, false official state-
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Private 2, 19-year-old male, **Division Support Command**
 - Charges: 2 counts failure to appear •Location: Hinesville
 - •Subject: Specialist, 25-yearold male, Division Artillery
 - •Charges: Released from D-cell confinement
 - •Location: Fort Stewart
 - •Subject: Specialist, 21-year-old male, separate battalion
- Charges: Failure to maintain lane •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Private, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- Charges: Wrongful possession of mari-
- •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Private, 20-year-old male, 2nd
- •Charges: Consumption of alcohol by a
- •Location: Hinesville
- •Subject: Specialist, 21-year-old female, **Division Support Command**
- Charges: Too fast for conditions, failure to stop at a posted stop sign •Location: Fort Stewart
- •Subject: Specialist, 25-year-old male, Headquarters Command
- •Charges: Driving under the influence, headlights required after dark
- •Location: Hinesville
- •Subject: Private 2, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
- •Charges: Driving under the influence, weaving on the roadway, speeding 60-45,
- license not on person •Location: Hinesville
- •Subject: Specialist, 20-year-old male,
- Headquarters Command • Charges: Duty upon striking, improper
- •Location: Fort Stewart

4 soldiers in jail, officer released on bond for separate incidents

Compiled by Jim **Jeffcoat**

Managing Editor

Four soldiers are in jail and one officer is on \$5,500 bond in separate incidents as civilian and military law officials cooperate to investigate two weeks of alleged criminal behavior on the part of the individuals.

Maj. Ernest Moore, Jr., 38, 1st Battalion, 39th Field Artillery Battalion, was taken into custody by Liberty County law enforcement officials Sept. 13 and later released on bond for alleged drug activity.

This week, Savannah detectives arrested Emmanuel Moreno, 19, 24th Ordnance Company at Hunter, and charged him with the death of his 18-month-old daughter. And in still another case, Savannah police arrested three for an soldiers armed robbery/aggravated assault that occurred late Sunday — Edward Curtis Lavant, 24; Antonio Sumter, 23; and Calvin Dais, Jr., 23, all of the 110th Quartermaster Company at Hunter, have been

arrested as suspects in the crime. Moore and his wife, Tracy, were charged with possession of cocaine and a misdemeanor possession of marijuana, according to the Savannah Morning News. They were arrested at their home in Hinesville and later released on bond. The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division is assisting the Savannah Police Department in the investigation of Moreno. A police release states that just before 8 p.m. Saturday night, the police were called to 11400 White Bluff Rd., Apt. 29, on the report of an injury

Edward Curtis Lavant

to a child that was under Moreno's (her father) care. The child was transported to Memorial Health University for treatment.

There, doctors and nurses in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit treating the child determined that the child's injuries were consistent with those of child abuse.

The baby succumbed to braindeath Sunday morning. Moreno has been formally charged with murder. He has been taken to the Chatham County Detention Center to await an arraignment hearing on the charges. Lavant, Sumter and Dais are

incarcerated at the Chatham County Detention Center, also. Sumter and Dais are charged with aggravated assault and armed robbery while Lavant is charged with party to the crime of armed

A Savannah police release said the suspects robbed a 55 yearold-man after bludgeoning him with a bat. Although the victim of the crime was struck with the bat by his assailants, he did not require medical attention, police



Antonio Sumter



Calvin Dais, Jr.

On Post

Golf Course

Taylors Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off. They also offer a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m., and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Newman offers training

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers free personal-training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings (body fat assessments), exercise prescription and nutritional counseling. Consultations are on appointment basis only.

Persons desiring this service may contact the Newman Physical Fitness Center at 767-3031.

Jordan Gym renovations

Jordan Gym is closed for renovation until January.

Marne tournaments

A 9-pin, no-tap tournament will be held the first Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes.

Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Cash prizes will be awarded. The tournament is sponsored by the Fort Stewart Women's Bowling Association.

A scotch doubles tournament is held the third Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per couple. Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 767-4866.

Massage therapy program

There is a massage therapy program at Newman Fitness Center. Therapeutic massage is a gentle method of alleviating pain and in combination with medical attention, heals certain conditions and helps prevent their return.

Massage therapy is available from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Or call to make an appointment, cost is \$1 per

Off Post

Short Stuff Basketball

The West Broad Street YMCA is registering boys and girls age 5 to 12 for the "Short Stuff" Basketball Program. The program will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:45 p.m., Oct. 12 through Dec. 14, at the gymnasium at the YMCA at 1110 May Street, Savannah. The focus of YMCA basketball is not winning, but the fundamentals of the game with an emphasis on character development. The registration fee is \$35 per person. The deadline to register is Oct. 11. For more information, call Shannon Smith at 233-1951.

Aerobics classes

The West Broad Street YMCA offers aerobics. The classes are held 11 a.m. to noon, noon to 1 p.m., 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., every Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and from 9 to 10 a.m., on Saturdays. There is no fee for YMCA members and \$30 for non-members per month. For more information, call 233-1951.

Co-ed soccer

6 vs. 6 Adult Co-ed Soccer registration has been extended thru Oct. 1. Team entry is \$220 and individual YMCA member rate is \$28 or non-member rate is \$38. Call 368-5311 for more information or stop by the YMCA to register.

Youth Soccer registration ends Oct. 1 for ages 3 to 16. Register at the YMCA.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on

Roberts wins open division at annual Hunter golf championship

Tukes dominates senior division, Ruf claims ladies title



Jung Ruf drives the ball down the fairway to begin the Hunter Golf Club Championship at Hunter Golf Course.

Staff Sgt. Brian Sipp

Hunter Public Affairs Office

With high hopes and an even higher humidity, golf enthusiasts braved the heat and the obstacles to establish dominance of the fairways and hopefully make a name for themselves.

Members of the Hunter Golf Club battled each other Sept. 21-22 to determine the club champions in the annual Hunter Golf Club 2002 Championship at the Hunter Golf

The two-day, 36-hole event was divided into a senior division, ladies division and open division. Each division was then split evenly into flights, or groups of players with like abilities. This ensured the maximum competition for all the players involved.

Eddie Roberts fired a 72 to win the event's open division. His 36hole total of 147 was good enough

to claim the overall championship. He was tied for fourth place going into the final, after shooting an opening round 75.

Roberts set the pace when he hit a 30-foot putt to save par on the first

"Anyone could have won it," said Roberts. "We were all real close coming down the back nine; everyone picked it up after a slow start," he added.

Jung Ruf posted back-to-back scores of 91 to give her the ladies division title and her first tournament victory.

"I really enjoyed the company of the people here the most," said Ruf. She hopes more women golfers will come out and compete, she said.

Charlie Tukes dominated the senior division on his way to a thirdstraight Hunter Golf Club Seniors Division Championship. The retired Navy Petty Officer 1st Class shot a two-day 152 and won the seniors title by 14 strokes.

Engineers stuff hard charging 94th, 20-6

Precise passing, offensive oomph fuel 92nd's victory

Pfc. Natalie Schlotman

Staff writer

The electric chemistry between quarterback Jermain Johnson and receiver's Barion Freeman and Courtney Jones fueled the B Company, 92nd Engineer football team's 20-6 win over the 94th Maintenance Company "Hard Chargers" Monday night at Sports Complex

The victory bumps the Engineers season record up to 3-3, and ties them for first place in the Eastern conference. It was the first complete game the Engineers have played and won this season. All their other games have resulted in forfeits.

The game's momentum began in the first half when Johnson threw a 40-yard bomb to Jones, who then ran the ball ten more yards into the end zone. The Engineers' two-point conversion attempt failed, but the score grew in their favor, 6-0.

The Hard Charger's were unable to respond to the Engineer's touch down in the first half.

The Hard Charger's passing game was continually snubbed out by the Engineers' domineering defense. To compensate, the Hard Chargers relied heavily on Jonathan White's running game to push them toward the end zone.

White was able to gain some yardage, but not enough to put the Hard Chargers on the scoreboard. Engineer Saleem Black shut down the Hard Charger offense even further when he intercepted a long pass by White.

However, the Hard Charger's defense picked up steam, and they forced the Engineer's to drop passes and gain minimal yards. The Hard Chargers newfound defensive drive stopped the Engineers from converting the interception into a touchdown. But, the Hard Chargers were unable to keep the Engineers at bay for long.

From the 20-yard line, Engineer quarterback



Pfc. Natalie Schlotman

With the ball clenched tightly in his arms, Hard Charger Jonathan White sprints by **Engineer defenders Monday night.**

Johnson struck again when he threw a 10-yard pass and connected with Freeman. Freeman then used agility and speed to out-dance the Hard Chargers all the way to the end zone. Johnson threw to Randell Hillard for a two-point conversion. The score rose to 14-0.

In the second half, the Hard Chargers offense was still unable to break into the end zone. But, that wasn't the case for the Engineers.

Engineer James Parker caught a short pass from Johnson. Parker then took it all the way as he barreled 50-yards downfield into the end zone. The Hard Chargers stuffed the Engineer's twopoint conversion attempt. The score inflated to

Another Engineer interception dashed the Hard Chargers attempts to score.

True to their name, the Hard Chargers didn't give up. They kept the Engineers scoreless for

the remainder of the second half.

Hard Charger Gerlen Davis finally broke the end zone barrier — and the Engineer's defense – when he ran 40 yards for a touch down. The Hard Chargers dropped the two-point conversion pass, but they did end the game on a high note and

avoided a shut out. Even after being defensively and offensively dominated by the Engineers, the Hard Chargers

are looking forward to future improvement. With more practice and more organization, we'll get better," promised player Gerald Carter.

The Engineers gained more confidence with their victory, and attributed their win to offense and experience.

"We're an offensive team. We got it all: A quarterback, speed and agility. And, we have guys who really know the game," said Demeterius Johnson.

Ragone leads Louisville over Army, 45-14

WEST POINT, N.Y. - Dave Ragone threw for 240 yards and a touchdown, and Louisville used two scores by its special teams to defeat Army 45-14 Saturday in the Conference USA opener for both teams. The Cardinals, two-time defending conference

champions, took control of the game in the second quarter as their special teams scored 14 points in 1:30. Damien Dorsey put Louisville (2-2, 1-0) up 17-0

two minutes into the quarter when he returned a punt 81 yards for a touchdown. Four plays later, Brandon Johnson blocked a Chris

Castelli punt at the Army 18. The ball rolled into the end zone and Joshua Tinch fell on it to give the Cardinals a 24-0 lead. It was Johnson's second blocked punt of the year. Louisville blocked another punt in the fourth quar-

ter, giving the Cardinals possession at the Army 31 and setting up Henry Miller's second one-yard touchdown run of the day.

The Cardinals weren't perfect on special teams. Nate Smith missed a 36-yard field goal attempt on the final play of the first half and had a third-quarter attempt blocked. He did connect on a 22-yarder in the

first quarter. The loss marks the third straight disappointing defeat for Army (0-3, 0-1), which dropped its season opener to I-AA Holy Cross and was shut out by

Rutgers 44-0 in the second game of the year.

The Black Knights offense struggled again and gained just 140 yards. Eighty of those yards came on a drive late in the fourth quarter that ended with a oneyard touchdown catch by Warren Stewart.

Louisville's offense didn't let the special teams do all the work in the second quarter. When the offense finally got on the field, Ragone led an eight-play, 57yard drive that was capped with an eight-yard touchdown pass to Donta Spillman, giving the Cardinals a 31-0 lead they took into halftime.

Army quarterback Matt Silva, who replaced starter Zac Dahman in the second quarter, went 8-of-16 for 91 yards and a touchdown.

Despite throwing for 240 yards, Ragone did not look sharp. He missed open receivers on several occasions and tried to force the ball on others en route to completing 15 of 29 passes. He also led the Cardinals with 62 yards rushing.

Army got on the board in the third quarter when cornerback Delente Brewer caused Louisville's J.R. Russell to fumble inside the Army 20. Ryan Kent picked up the ball and returned it 88 yards for a touch-

T.J. Patterson added a 5-yard touchdown run for Louisville.

Information provided by goarmysports.ocsn.com.

Black Knights

Holy Cross Louisville S. Miss Oct. 5 *ECU* Oct. 12 TCU Oct. 19 Houston Oct. 26 **UAB** 1 p.m.

Air Force Nov. 16 Nov. 23 2 p.m. Navy^{*} noon

Next game in bold. games in italics

 Navy game to be played in East Rutherford, N.J.

Marne **Scoreboard**



Hunter Golf Course 2002 Club Championship Sept. 21-22 Final Results

Senior Division Championship Flight

Charlie Tukes Frank Yelton 81-85-166 John Smirnoff 85-88-173 86-90-176 Llovd Braddy 87-89-176 Cornelius Smith

Jim Blankenship 89-87-176 Irwin White 90-86-176 91-90-181 Tom Burns Dwayne Scott Bob Pratt 94-102-196 Jim Jones 91-wd

Ladies Division

Eddie Roberts

Billy Anderson

Dave Phillips

Rich Kurazawa

Charlie Drown, Jr.

Brian Kuhn

Jay Bright

Jung Ruf Linda Cormier 94-99-193

Open Division

Championship Flight

71-81-152

74-80-154

87-92-179

92-95-187

97-91-188

A Co. 10th Eng.

C Btry. 1/41 FA

C Trp. 1st Cav.

C Co. 4/64 AR

B Co. 3rd SSB

Svc. Btry. 1/41 FA

Jason Fleming 74-81-155 David Dougherty Scott Schuster 75-81-156 Thomas Wallace 77-87-164 Donovan Carson 78-wd **B** Flight 88-81-169 Phillip Lamb Butch Zirpolo 84-92-176

96-105-201 Peter Herzog 110-wd **Taylors Creek Golf Course**

2002 Club Championship Sept. 28 and 29

8 a.m. starts both days Blue tees will be used Entry Fees: Members, \$50; Active duty or retired military (nonmembers), \$60; Civilians, \$70. Juniors will not use golf carts. Entry fees include green fee, golf cart rental, prizes

and lunch on Sunday. Soccer

Fall Six-Man Soccer League

Begins Sept. 23 Contact Arthur Lewis at 767-6572 or 352-6749



2002 Fort Stewart Intramural Flag Football

Standings

Through Monday

Eastern Conference							
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB			
B Btry. 1/41 FA	3	0	1.000	-			
HSC 92nd Eng.	3	0	1.000	-			
B Btry. 1/39 FA	2	0	1.000	.5			
92nd Chem.	2	0	1.000	.5			
HHC 4/64 AR	1	0	1.000	1			
A Co. 11th Eng.	4	1	.800	-			

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Western Conference								
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB				
A Btry. 1/9 FA	5	0	1.000	-				
HHC 3/7 Inf.	5	0	1.000	-				
HHB DIVARTY	5	1	.833	.5				
HHC 3d ID	4	1	.800	1				
B Btry. 1/9 FA	3	2	.600	2				
B Co. 703rd MSB	2	2	.500	2.5				
A Co. 2/7 Inf.	2	4	.333	3.5				
A Trn 3/7 Cav	1	3	.250	3.5				

A Btry. 1/41 FA .000 4.5 C Co. 2/7 Inf.

Pacific Conference								
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB				
632nd Maint.	2	0	1.000	-				
HHC DISCOM	2	0	1.000	-				
SJA	2	0	1.000	-				
103rd MI	2	1	.667	.5				
A Co. HQs Cmd.	1	1	.500	1				
HHT 3/7 Cav.	1	1	.500	1				
B Co. 123rd Signal	1	1	.500	1				
MEDDAC	1	1	.500	1				
396th Trans.	0	1	.000	1.5				

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15th ASOS

B Co. 10th Eng.

549th MP

Sept. 17

Eastern Conference B Btry. 1/39 FA 7, A Btry 1/3 ADA 0 (forfeit) B Btry. 1/41 FA 34, 94th Maint. 7 92nd Chem. 7, C Btry. 1/41 FA 0 (forfeit)

Pacific Conference

HHT 3/7 Cav. 25, 15th ASOS 12 SJA 18, B Co. 10th Eng. 6 HHC DISCOM 18, MEDDAC 8 103rd MI 28, 549th MP 6 B Co. 123rd Signal 31, 103rd MI 7 632nd Maint. 7, A Co. HQs Cmd. 0 (forfeit)

Sept. 18

Eastern Conference 94th Maint Co. 24, A Co. 10th Eng 18 HSC 92nd Eng. 7, C Btry. 1/41 FA 0 (forfeit)

Western Conference

HHB DIVARTY 19, A Trp. 3/7 Cav. 12 A Co. 2/7 Inf. 26, B Co. 3rd SSB 16 HHC 3/7 Inf. 26, B Btry. 1/9 FA 21 A Btry. 1/9 FA 20, A Btry. 1/41 FA 19 A Btry. 1/9 FA 32, B Co. 703rd MSB 6 HHC 3rd ID 29, C Co. 2/7 Inf. 20

Sept. 19

Western Conference A Trp. 3/7 Cav. 14, Svc. Btry. 1/41 FA 12 B Co. 703rd MSB 13, Svc. Btry. 1/41 FA 12 HHB DIVARTY 13, B Co. 3rd SSB 8 HHC 3/7 Inf. 30, A Btry. 1/41 FA 27 B Btry. 1/9 FA 7, C Co. 2/7 Inf. 0 HHC 3rd ID 24, A Co. 2/7 Inf. 21

Monday

Eastern Conference

A Co. 11th Eng. 7, C Trp. 1st Cav. 0 B Btry. 1/41 FA 38, C Btry. 1/41 FA 26 HSC 92nd Eng. 26, 94th Maint Co. 6 A Co. 10th Eng. 7, C Trp. 1st Cav. 0

Western Conference

A Co. 2/7 Inf. 37, A Btry. 1/41 FA 0 HHC 3/7 Inf. 31, HHB DIVARTY 25 B Co. 3rd SSB 13, C Co. 2/7 Inf. 7 HHB DIVARTY 32, C Co. 2/7 Inf. 20 HHC 3rd ID 24, A Trp. 3/7 Cav. 6 A Btry. 1/9 FA 19, Svc. Btry. 1/41 FA 18 B Btrv. 1/9 FA 26, B Co. 703rd 14 B Co. 703rd MSB 25, A Btyr. 1/41 FA 20

Schedule

Today

Pacific Conference Field 1

6 p.m. B Co. 10th Eng. v. HHT 3/7 Cav. 549th MP v. B Co. 632nd Maint 7 p.m. HHC DISCOM v. A Co. HQs Cmd.

B Co. 123rd Signal v. 103rd MI MEDDAC v. SJA 396th Trans. v. 15th ASOS 8 p.m.

Monday

Eastern Conference Field 2

B Btry. 1/41 FA v. A Co. 10th Eng. 6 p.m. C Trp. 1st Cav. v. C Co. 4/64 AR HSC 92nd Eng. v. 94th Maint.

Western Conference Field 1

A Btry. 1/9 FA v. B Co. 3rd SSB A Trp. 3/7 Cav. v. HHC 3/7 Inf. B Co. 703rd MSB v. C Co. 2/7 Inf.

Field 3 Svc. Btry. 1/41 FA v. HHB DIVARTY 6 p.m. HHC 3d ID v. A Btry. 1/41 FA A Co. 2/7 Inf. v. B Btry. 1/9 FA

Tuesday

Eastern Conference

C Btry. 1/41 FA v. A Co. 10th Eng. 92nd Chem. v. HHC 4/64 AR A Co. 11th Eng. v. B Btry. 1/39 FA

Pacific Conference

632nd Maint. v. HHC DISCOM SJA v. 103rd MI 15th ASOS v. MEDDAC

A Co. HQs Cmd. v. 396th Trans. B Co. 10th Eng. v. B Co. 123rd Signal

HHT 3/7 Cav. v. 549th MP Wednesday

Eastern Conference Field 2

92nd Chem. v. B Btry. 1/41 FA HHC 4/64 AR v. HSC 92nd Eng. 94th Maint. v. C Btry. 1/41 FA

Western Conference

Svc. Btry. 1/41 FA v. A Co. 2/7 Inf. B Co. 703rd MSB v. HHC 3d ID A Btry. 1/41 FA v. B Btry. 1/9 FA Field 3 HHB DIVARTY. v. A Btry. 1/9 FA C Co. 2/7 Inf. v. A Trp. 3/7 Cav.

HHC 3/7 Inf. v. B Co. 3rd SSB Company-Level Football Tournaments

The company-level top two preseason teams from each conference will compete Feb. 18-21. The leagues involved will include the battalion-level women's active-duty league's top two teams, the battalion-level 35-and-over top two teams, and the top two family member women's league teams

Softball

Men's Fall Softball League Open to military and civilians 15 players per team

Limited to 20 teams Contact Arthur Lewis at 767-6572 or 352-6749.

Taylors Creek Golf Course Commander's Cup

Oct. 3 Entry Fee: \$29 Four-person scramble

1 p.m. shotgun start. If more than 25 teams, there will be a shotgun at 7:30 a.m. Participants 60 and over will use white tees, 59 and under will use blue tees, and ladies will use red tees Entry fees include green fee, golf cart rental, prizes and a Social Hour event after the round. Mulligan's are \$5.

Call 767-2370 for more details.

Got Scores? Contact the Frontline staff at 767-3440.

Shine up yer spurs

The Cowboys for Kids Benefit Rodeo is coming to Fort Stewart Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Walker Field. Tickets at the event are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children.

The event will feature 80 bull riders, 40 bulls and horses for the rodeo. The rodeo members will demonstrate bull riding, cowgirls barrel racing, rodeo clowns and children's events.

JAKE'S BODY SHOP— **Controlling the weight:** factors you can't control

Height and weight

guidelines

Weight ranges for men

Small Medium Large

123-129 126-136 133-145

125-131 128-138 135-148

127-133 130-140 137-151

129-135 132-143 139-155

131-137 134-146 141-159

133-140 137-149 141-159

133-140 137-149 144-163

135-143 140-152 147-167

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139-149 146-158 153-175

141-152 149-161 156-179

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147-159 155-169 163-187

150-163 159-173 167-192

153-167 162-177 171-197

157-171 166-182 176-202

99-108 106-118 115-128

100-110 108-120 117-131

101-112 110-123 119-134

103-115 112-126 121-137

105-118 115-129 125-140

108-121 118-132 128-144

111-124 121-135 131-148

114-127 124-138 134-152

117-130 127-141 137-156

120-133 130-144 140-160

123-136 133-147 143-164

126-139 136-150 146-167

129-142 139-153 149-170

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Small Medium Large

Weight ranges for women

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adrenals overactive (Cushing's disease), underactive thyroid (hypothyroidism) or excessive insulin are often causes of obesity, but in reality, these are uncommon. Such diseases seldom cause a person to weigh more than 200 pounds.

The number of fat cells and the size of the body help determine obesity. When someone gains too much weight as a child and young adult, the total number of fat cells of the body can increase. As these are filled, one is much fatter than if fewer cells had

Heredity and environ-

Heredity and environment are important. If neither a person's father nor mother is obese, the chance of being obese is about 10 percent. If both parents are obese, the chance is 80 percent. having one obese parent predisposes one to some obesity. Adopted children who had obese natural parents but normal weight adoptive parents have a tendency to be obese. However, obesity can be caused by overeating coupled with inactivity.

Metabolism

Difference in metabolism is another reason for obesity. Metabolism is the ability of the

Poor self-control may not always be the body to turn food calories into heat rather than

study, lean people burned more calories into heat after a meal, but obese people turned more calories into fat

We all have seen the tendency to go back to usual weight after dieting. The body tends to defend a predetermined weight for each person. Just as we tend to have a "normal temperature" of about 98.6°F, most of us have a "normal weight." A study of people asked to try to gain weight by 20 to 25 percent showed that many were not able to gain that much despite great increases in calories. Of those who did gain, their automatically weights returned to "normal" after they were taken off their special diets.

During a diet, it gets hard to lose weight as more weight is lost. The metabolism of the body compensates by slowing down to conserve calories and weight. By exercising, one can prevent the decrease in metabolism and the weight stabilization. Exercise is also good for the emotional depression of dieting. Of course, when the diet stops and the exercise stops, the body tends to go back to the

"normal weight." Thus, keeping the weight down for most people requires continual attention to dieting and exercise.

Pete Rose's exile from baseball needs to end

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Four thousand, two hundred and fifty-six. That is one heck of a big number, especially when one considers its significance.

It is the number of hits amassed by Major League Baseball's career hits leader, a man who is not allowed to set foot near a big league game. Pete Rose is currently ineligible for election to the Hall of Fame, despite being retired for over a decade, and despite hitting safely 4,256 times in his career.

Charlie Hustle may be a lot of things, but he is certainly Hall of Fame material in the minds of most. But because of allegations that he bet on baseball, Rose is still exiled from the game that made him a star.

Sunday night, as Cincinnati's Cinergy Field (formerly Riverfront Stadium) saw the Reds play their final game there, something was missing. The man who opened the park with a single in 1970 was barred from the game, just as he has been barred from every game since then Commissioner Bart Giamatti kicked him out for allegedly gambling on the Reds, the team he was managing at the time, a charge Rose denies to this

It is just me, or is it ridiculous that the man who broke Ty Cobb's hits record isn't allowed to set foot near a ball park, much less the ballpark he helped put on the map? Cobb himself wasn't exactly a saint, and yet nobody has a problem with his bust hanging in Cooperstown or going to a game (Okay, maybe a problem with him going to a game given that dead folks tend to stink up a

Monday night, Rose helped close the stadium in a celebrity softball game. A nice concession, to be sure, but the man should have been present at the final Reds game in the stadium where he made so much history. The fact that baseball kept Rose out of such an event is pretty petty.

At the time, many fans were outraged that a ballplayer could do such a thing. Betting

on any game was bad enough, but games

Commentary

involving your own team?

But whether Rose gambled or not, he has certainly served his time. I wonder if Giamatti's plan was for this to be a lifetime suspension. Here's a guy who gave so much to the game, and yet he



wasn't even allowed to attend the few games his son played with the Reds a few years

Every other hitter in the history of the

game who managed to hit safely more than 3,000 times is either in the Hall or on their way to it, and yet Rose, the one who did it more than anyone else, won't see it until he either confesses to the crime (He won't) or Commissioner Bud Selig lifts the ban. He won't because he's too busy trying to shut out his daughter's team's regional competi-

There are a million opinions on whether or not Rose gambled and whether or not it's okay to gamble in his position. But Rose should be allowed back into baseball regard-

He is held from the game by events that took place in the 1980s! That's so long ago, the Braves still left a foul stench when they played! We believed there would always be a World Series, EVERY YEAR!

We've seen baseball break our hearts plenty since Rose was banned, and most fans have eventually forgiven the game and come back to it. It's time for baseball to let go of its grudge with Rose and bring one of its greatest players back to the fold.

If fans can forgive baseball for its labor transgressions, surely baseball can forgive Rose for a gambling transaction. It's time to let him back into the game, and let the voters decide whether or not he is worthy of a place in the Hall.

C SECTION

On Post

Volunteering

Do you have a few hours each day, each week or each month to work with new people, learn new skills and contribute to our community? The Volunteer Installation Coordinator Program needs military spouses and others who are interested in helping others. Childcare may be provided. For more information, call IVC at 767-5058, or stop by 76 Lindquist Avenue.

Rape Crisis Center

The Rape Crisis Center is training volunteer advocates to provide support and information to sexual assault victims on the crisis line and at area hospitals. Free training classes begin Monday. To register or for more information, call 369-

Hunter Outdoor Recreation

All facilities at Lotts Island Recreation Area are now open to the general public. That includes campground, picnic area and shelters, tackle shop, boat hoist and private berthing for boats. For more information, call 767-5722.

Public speaking seminar

Soldiers Toastmasters International, a public speaking club, offers a public speaking seminar from noon to 1 p.m. every first and third Wednesday of the month in the Marne Room at Club Stewart. For more information, call 1st Lt. Lytelia Newton at 767-3876.

Children's activities

Army Community Service offers storytime every Monday at 10 a.m. in Building 470. Preschool crafts are available every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at ACS. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 a.m. is playmate time at Youth Services. The third Thursday of each month is a field trip. For more information, call 767-5059.

Attention waiting spouses

Waiting Spouses is a support service to families on post or in the surrounding community who are living separately from their military and civilian sponsors due to mission requirements.

The waiting spouse briefing is held every Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 470, and is mandatory for those who reside on post and require additional information on installation serv-

The Waiting Spouse Support Group is held right after the briefing each Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at ACS. Come and experience the joy of friendship in this Army community. For more information, call Doris Duchscherer at 767-5058.

Off Post

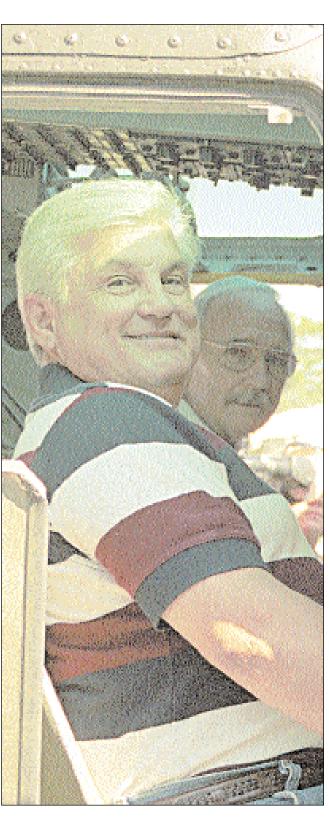
Touring theatre

The City of Savannah's Leisure Services Theatre is proud to announce this year's touring theatrical production of "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe." The production is designed to come to your school to provide an interactive theater experience for your students. A study guide is provided including a wide-range of pre-show and post-performance activities. Performance tours can be set up on your chosen date and time by appointment from Oct. 1 through Nov. 27.

This production is appropriate for grades K-8. Maximum group size is limited to 250 students. The cost is \$1.50 per child (minimum of \$150 fee per performance). To make a reservation or for more information, call Lawrence at 651-6782.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

Vietnam helicopter pilots reunite, reminisce at Fort Stewart Museum



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Outside the Fort Stewart Museum, one significant part of history is displayed a UH-1C Bell Helicopter Gunship, tail number 65-

It is significant because, on Saturday, that particular UH-1C brought together 21 members of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association who were either pilots, crew chiefs or gunners in that aircraft as part of the 92nd Assault Helicopter Company in Vietnam.

"This is the first time I've seen some of these guys in 33 years," said Rich Sale, who flew the UH-1C, call sign "Sidekick," in Vietnam from Nov. 1968 to June

"This (reunion) was originally going to be just in Savannah for members of the

92nd AHC from the '69 era," said John Paull, the gun platoon leader for "Sidekick" from June 1969 to Jan 1970. "When we found out that one of the gunships we flew may be at Fort Stewart, we started the groundwork to get here."

"Sidekick" was there with the help of Liberty Chapter 789 of the Vietnam Veterans Association of America.

"About two years ago we got involved finding what unit it belonged to," said John Menard, Chapter 789 membership chairman. "After some help from the internet and museum, we were in business."

The UH-1C's condition was another matter.

"When we saw what type of shape she was in, we knew a facelift was needed," said Jimmy Waynick, Chapter 789 secretary. "We sent letters through the museum, the installation and the commanding general. "After a little work and a lot of paint, here we are."

The VHPA members and their families, who traveled from as far north as Baltimore, appreciated the work and were happy to see old friends again.

"This is great – the (gunship), the friends," said Horace Green, as he reminisced in the pilot's seat of the renovated gunship. "I was the old man at age 29 in 1969, and I'm still the old man.

The VHPA and VVA veterans served selflessly in the Vietnam War, defending the liberties we hold so dear in this country, never wavering or buckling under enemy fire or the stresses of war. The same men, 33 years later, were able to take the good from what was at most times bad, and enjoy each others company and lives again.



(Left) John David Miles and Horace Green sit in the pilot's seats of the UH-1C gunship displayed at the Fort Stewart Museum. Both men piloted that same aircraft in Vietnam in 1969.

(Above) Members of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association gather with family in front of the helicopter that went by the call sign "Sidekick" in Vietnam.

Now is a good time From Anzio to the Bulge to go to school

Robin Ellert

Special to The Frontline

ne question I hear time and again as an Army Education Counselor is, "Is it realistic for me to try to get a degree while I am on active duty?" Yes, yes, a thousand times, yes. .



Courtesy photo

Capt. Dean Bushnell has utilized the ACES throughout his 18-year Army career.

Capt. Dean Bushnell, brigade S-3 for the 6th Brigade, 1st Region Reserve Officers Training Corps, has made the most of what Army education offers.

He enlisted as a private in the Army in 1984, after two years of "doing nothing but getting into trouble.'

He attributes much of his early motivation to his first platoon sergeant who stressed the importance of education. He enrolled in evening classes with Florida State University and believes those

courses were instrumental in his promotion to sergeant in less than two years.

Bushnell's next duty station was Hunter Army Airfield where he remained for five years as a Nightstalker with the 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). Throughout countless deployments including Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he continued attending classes at night

and on weekends. During Desert Storm, Bushnell applied for and was accepted to Officer Candidate School. After completing OCS in 1992, he moved to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Again, although there were numerous mission requirements, including Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti, Bushnell kept taking courses and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology from Saint Leo University in 1995. He is now one course shy of completing a Master of Arts in Education through Central Michigan University.

And to think, when he first came on active duty, he believed a "college education was unimportant.'

Bushnell said the Army Continuing Education System has helped him get to where he is today. "Army Education is the foundation of virtually all the success I've experienced.'

He added how the Army promotion system recognizes and rewards self-improvement, with educational success being a quantifiable measure of that process. Regardless of your future plans, an education will offer opportunities not otherwise available.

One of Bushnell's pet peeves is when he pushes education and soldiers say that they are too busy to

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Soldier survived World War II escaped German POW camp

Spc. Jacob Boyer

Staff Writer

or most, World War II is just something they have read about in history books or "seen" through the magic of Hollywood. Many of the nation's fathers and grandfathers fought in it - in the South Pacific, Africa or Europe. But it is a war that happened a long time ago, and people find themselves removed from it by time. One-time enemies are now allies. Many of its heroes have passed on, and the nation will soon find itself left with nothing but the historical record, not the living memories of the men who left their homes to fight a war in faraway

But there are veterans still living, and for them World War II is more than a history lesson. Instead, it is a memory, sometimes distant, sometimes as close as yesterday.

George Davis, a veteran of the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, is one of those veterans. His story is typical of many of the soldiers who served in "The War to End All Wars," and yet it is as unique as that of any man who finds himself in the midst

"I'd do it all again for my country, without hesitation," Davis, who lives in Shruvnoik, N.Y., said. "I admire the young soldiers today. It brings tears to my eyes."

Like many, Davis was drafted into the Army, and he found himself assigned to the 15th. He joined the 3rd Division during the pushoff for Anzio, where the United States was attempting to get a foothold on Italy in May 1944.

"I was wounded there, but I kept on going," Davis said. "We made it into Rome, and then we did a lot of training outside of Naples."

On Aug. 15, 1944, Davis was



Spc. Jacob Boyer

George Davis, a former president of the Society of the Third Infantry Division, served in World War II as a member of the 15th Infantry Regiment of the Third Infantry Division. He joined the division shortly before the attack on the Anzio beachhead.

with the division as it invaded Southern France. The push continued on into the Rhine Valley, where the soldiers "destroyed a lot of equipment and killed a lot of the enemy," Davis said.

"We continued on through a lot of heavy action," he said. "During a heavy battle, I was captured while trying to outflank some German soldiers. They put a rifle in my ribs, and I knew I could either die or put my hands in the air.

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POW/MIAs remembered in Hinesville

Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Associate Editor

Being a patriotic American is about more than just slapping an American flag sticker on your minivan, or giving in to a sudden fervor during parades and on Memorial Day.

"Don't tell me how good an American you are – show me," said Luis Carrerras, member of Chapter 789 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Hinesville, Ga., during Hinesville's POW/MIA ceremony Friday night.

"Being an American is a slow, steady, constant love of this country. You are all peacemakers. If you're not fighting to make peace on this earth — you're wasting your time," he said.

As long as there are wars there will be soldiers who become prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action, according to Brig. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin, III, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.), Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield assistant division commander (Maneuver), as he spoke to the crowd.

He told the crowd about Vietnam Veteran and POW Capt. Humbert "Rocky" Versace, who on July 8 was the first soldier awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions as a prisoner of war. Austin said Versace was treated so inhumanely by his captors and was so weak physically that he could not walk, but tried to escape three times. The last time he was seen alive by his fellow POWs, he was singing the National Anthem at the top of his lungs.

Hinesville Mayor Tom Ratcliffe said veterans, even the ones who returned, are still kept prisoner by their memories. He said the families with no graves to visit are conflicted between hope and wanting relief, and are emotional prisoners of war.

Ratcliffe signed a proclamation Sept. 19 naming Sept. 20 as the official

"The United States spends \$100 million a year toward finding POW/MIAs. That's a good down payment. Remembering is the most important thing," Ratcliffe said.

The centerpiece of the ceremony is a small table, set for one, representing all POW/MIAs. The tablecloth is white, signifying the purity of the soldier's intentions as he answered his country's call. An inverted wineglass sits upon the table, reserved for toasting his return. A slice of lemon on the dinner plate represents life's bitter fate. There is only salt on the bread plate, symbolic of the families' tears. The chair is empty, awaiting his return.

Patricia Barbee, whose husband, Marine Sgt. J. Wesley Barbee, is missing in action from Vietnam, spoke about the meaning of the table. "As long as we have MIAs in this life, we have hope they will return," she said.

Chaplain Allen B. Boatright, installation chaplain, told those gathered in remembrance about his brother, a Vietnam veteran. His brother had members of his squad come up missing, and he never stops hoping they'll be accounted for, he said.

Jeffrey F. Dasher's uncle was recognized during the ceremony.

His uncle is Cpl. Frank C. Parker, a soldier from the Jones Creek community in Long County, who is missing in action from WWII. "It makes me feel honored to have a loved one being recognized," Dasher said.

Also recognized were retired Master Sgt. Howard Cook, a POW in the Korean War who served at Camp Stewart, and his wife Ginger.

Paul Spence, Chapter 789 chairman, said the most important thing Americans can do for POW/MIAs is to remember them. "Talk to a Vietnam Vet. Don't just remember them on Memorial Day and today. Talk to them so we don't forget,"



Chapter 789 color guard, retired Capt. Henry O'neal and retired Sgt. Earnest Gilbert, walk past Marine Sqt. Eric P. Bauer after posting the colors.

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LeConte-Woodmanston Plantation:

Serenity, beauty along the Historic Liberty Trail

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

estled in the woods, down a seldomtraveled dirt road just south of Riceboro, lies a 242 year old chapter in Liberty County's history.

Today, minus the faint hum of automobiles miles away, the LeConte-Woodmanston Rice Plantation and Botanical Garden is a place of serenity and an exhibit of nature's indescribable beauty.

Without knowing the story behind the land, one may find it surprising to know that the 63.8-acre plantation once spanned 3,300 acres and had a workforce of 200 slaves who resided on the premises.

"Many of the slaves were trained in various skill trades such as carpentry, gardening and blacksmithing," said Lucy Cooper, LeConte-



butterfly spreads its wings in the botanical gardens at the LeConte-Woodmanston Plantation. The site is located just south of Riceboro.

Woodmanston site coordinator. "The plantation was completely self-sufficient."

William and John LeConte, grandsons of a French immigrant, established the plantation

In 1810, John's son, Louis, came into possession of the plantation, on which he eventually developed a world-renowned botanical and floral garden.

Louis, who had six children with his wife Ann, had been trained as a physician at Columbia University and was regarded by his contemporaries as an expert on the natural history of the southeastern United States, according to Dr. James D. Bigley, Georgia Southern University.

We (LeConte-Woodmanston Foundation) are here to continue the legacy left by the LeContes," Cooper said. "We want this site to resemble what the plantation looked like in the early 19th century."

The Leconte-Woodmanston Foundation is a non-profit organization established to preserve the rich historic and ecological heritage

Currently in the works are a kitchen, greenhouse, chicken coop, smokehouse and openair educational building.

This past summer, students from the University of Georgia built the framework to a building here with the same hardware and tools that were used in the early 1800s," Cooper said. "Within the next year or so, descendants of the original slaves who worked the plantation will be rebuilding the slave cabin.'

After the Civil War, much of Liberty County, including the plantation, fell into

It wasn't until the early 1970s that efforts



Photos by Sqt. Craig Zentkovich

Students from the University of Georgia spent time this past spring erecting the framework of a 19th century style cabin. They utilized lumber from the surrounding woodline, and the same tools and hardware used by the people of that time.

were made to preserve and restore the site. A master plan was drawn up in 1981 to

establish goals for the restoration of the site as a center for teaching ecology, natural history and cultural heritage.

"It has been a slow process," Cooper said. "As with any project this size, money makes

a big difference. "But what makes all the difference in the have accomplished and hope to accomplish would cease to be."

world are volunteers. Without them, what we

Those interested in visiting the Leconte-Woodmanston plantation or volunteering their time can call Cooper at (912) 884-6500.

The site is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or by appointment. April through Labor Day only.



Attendees at the Hispanic American Heritage Observance sample Hispanic American wares Sept. 18. The Hispanic American Heritage Festival will be held Saturday from 5 to 10 p.m. at Moon Theater.

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Vet

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"The German said to me, 'Hands in the air. For you, the war is over. You will do a lot of work for the furher," Davis said. "I didn't know it at the time, but my war had just started."

Davis was taken on to Strasbourg, where there was a hospital for POWs, he said. It was there he had a bizarre encounter with a German soldier.

"Some German soldier there calls out my name," he said. "He wanted to talk. He told me he knew my father from back in Buchanan, N.Y. The guy was from Petesgill (a town near Buchanan) and worked with my father, Tom Davis. He treated me great afterwards. He brought me bread and rations, and we kept our correspondence after the war."

Shortly after, Davis was sent to a Prussian potato farm near Hammerstein for "a very tough winter," he said. He was beaten by the guards there a few times, usually for stealing potatoes. But his chance to escape would come

"We were told to gather what we could," Davis said. "We were leaving for a march across the Elbe (River). We slept on the ground every night, and lost quite a few because of the cold. One day, we were strafed by our own aircraft, who must have mistaken us for a German column. I made my escape.

"It took eight days to walk back to the U.S. lines. It was during the Battle of the Bulge, and we came upon the 25th Infantry. At first they thought we were Germans, but we let out with a bunch of good old American slang, and they said we had to be Americans, because no German could curse like that. It saved my fanny."

Davis was not proud to have been captured, because he felt like he had let his buddies down. But he looks at it as "an accident of war," he said.

"As long as I was a POW, I had to keep my sanity and obey my leaders there," he said. "You would survive as long as you behaved yourselves. I was beat a few times, but I thank God that I'm here."

Within two months, Davis was back stateside, and the war was a memory. He was sent to Camp Miles Standlish, where he remembers being greeted by a steak dinner, because the commanding general decided all returning soldiers should have such a meal awaiting them.

Davis was released as a 100 percent disabled veteran, and returned to New York, where he became a police officer. He retired in 1975.

"Since then, I spend my time with children and grandchildren," said Davis, who has a son and a daughter in addition to four grandchildren. "I also go into my 'war room,' or my den, and reminisce. My wife understands."

Davis got involved with veterans groups shortly after the war ended, he said.

He joined the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division in 1948, and served as the organization's president from 1981 to 1986.

"I did my best to put a line in to Washington, D.C., for the veterans of the Third," he said. "We managed to raise \$75,000 to put a monument in Arlington National Cemetery. It was erected August 15, 1992."

One of Davis' proudest moments was when he addressed the Corps of Cadets at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., he said. He also had the opportunity to travel to Europe and talk to 3rd Inf. Div. soldiers who were in Germany with the division at the time.

"It felt good while I was there," Davis said. "The war was over, and I was back with the 3rd Division. I'd survived, and I was still there to talk about it."

He is still very active in the society, because it "helps keep the comradeship formed," he said. "We sit around, talk and tell everybody how we won the war. Everyone (in the Society) has been through Hell. We talk about good times and bad. We laugh and we even cry a little bit. Each and every one of us has our own story to tell.

Even though he lived through some harsh experiences during the war, Davis has no regrets, and was glad to fight as a Dog-Faced Soldier. Just like his story, this rings true of many a veteran's story, but it is also as unique as the man who told it.

"I'd do it all over again if I had to," Davis said. "This is the greatest division they ever had. These are great men, and we had some great leaders along the way."

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lege as a private, team leader, squad leader, rifle and scout platoon leader, company executive officer and company commander.

"Never once have I attended class during the duty day ... there is always time to go to college." He said one thing he cannot understand is why soldiers wait until they are out of the Army before going back to school.

Currently, Army Tuition
Assistance pays 75 percent of the tuition costs up-front. With the Montgomery GI Bill, the soldier has to pay the entire cost of courses and then wait for VA reimburse-

Even if a soldier is planning to leave the military, he said, he or she needs to start taking classes now.

Bushnell will be promoted soon and will PCS next summer. No matter where he ends up though, he plans to continue taking college courses. The Education Center and Army Learning Centers are in place to assist soldiers in attaining their educational goals. As Bushnell says, "There is no better time to start than today."

Birth announcements

August 23

Hannah Fyfe Sallee, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Capt. Ike Sallee and Rhiannon Sallee.

September 7

Jazmyne Niema-Katelynn Queen, a girl, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, born to (Navy) SN Jared Ray Queen and Lakia Niema Queen.

Nathan Andrew Klein, a boy, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Sgt. Andrea Klein.

September 8

Samantha Shea Roberts, a girl, 5 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Sgt. Timothy Blake Roberts and Sgt. Lori Ann Roberts.

September 9

Olivia Desirae Morris, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Dexter Morris and Peggy Morris.

September 10

Cailyn Marie Richer, a girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Benjamin C. Richer and Leann Richer. **Jordan Keith Waak**, a boy, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to

Pvt. 2 William Waak and Kimberly Waak. **Treshaun Deante James Davis**, a boy, 8 pounds, 2

September 11 Nikita Anastasio Kharsika Gallegos, a boy, 5 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Daniel Ryan Gallegos and Zhanna Edeuarduich Kaharsika Gallegos.

ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Aaron Davis and Heather Davis.

Donte Elijah Johnson, a boy, 7 pounds, 14 ounces,

Gage Evan Bookter, a boy, 9 pounds, 2 ounces, born

born to Capt. Darren Johnson and Tonya Johnson.

to Pfc. Ashley Elizabeth Bookter.

September 12

D'Karai Rashard Jones, a boy, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Spc. Standford E. Jones and Spc. Chervon M.

Andre Maurice Adams, a boy, 7 pounds, born to Spc. Lashawn Adams and Floramie Adams.

Jacob Corey Tondre, a boy, 8 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Sgt. Corey S. Tondre and Michelle R. Tondre.

Madyson Claire Dombrowski, a girl, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Joseph Dombrowski and Michelle Dombrowski.

September 13

Brandon Michael Allen Bliss, a boy, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Capt. Michael Allen Bliss and Cheria

Volunteer Spotlight



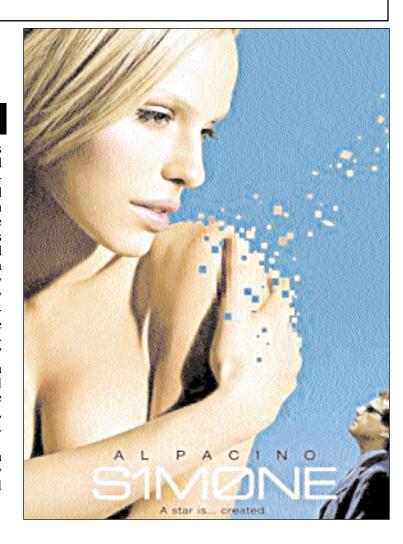
Angela Curry



ngela Curry is certified nursing assistant and is in her second year of study for health administration. She enjoys helping others and does so as a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Community Army Hospital. "This is my first volunteer experience," said Curry. "Î like the idea of helping othneed." in Volunteering at Winn gives Curry additional experience, and the

opportunity to network. She is married to Donald Curry, assigned to First Battalion, Third Air Defense Artillery. They have two children, Leonard, 13 and Talana, 10.

If you'd like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or e-mail Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.





WOODRUFF THEATER



Sept. 26-Oct. 2 Admission for all shows is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Spiderman (PG-13)

Starring: Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe Tonight at 7 p.m.

After being bitten by a radioactive spider, Peter Parker's body chemistry is mutagenically altered in that he can scale walls and ceilings, and he develops a "spider-sense" that warns him of approaching danger. After his uncle is murdered by a criminal Peter failed to stop, he swears to use his powers to fight evil.

Run time: 121 minutes

Martin Lawrence Live-Runteldat (R)

Starring: Martin Lawrence

Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

Comedian Martin Lawrence takes the stage for a stand-up performance in which he covers everything from his childhood to a series of arrests in the mid 1990s, to a near death experience in 1999. Run time: 103 minutes

Blue Crush (PG-13)

Starring: Kate Bosworth, Michelle Rodriguez Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Anne Marie works as a hotel maid to pay the bills, but in her free time she eats, drinks and sleeps surfing. She lives on Oahu in a beach shack with her rebellious younger sister and two other roommates. She's up before dawn every morning to surf and counts the days until the Pipe Masters surf competition, which is traditionally male dominated. And while she doesn't let anything come between her and her surfing, when pro quarterback Matt Tollman comes on the scene, she begins to realize there's more to life than just the waves. Run time: 106 minutes

Simone (PG-13)

Starring: Al Pacino, Chris Coppola Wednesday at 7 p.m.

A disillusioned movie producer's lead actress abruptly drops out of his film. Unbeknownst to the public, he decides to replace her with computer generated starlet Simone. Swept up by her instant success, including a major recording career, he cannot bear to admit his fraud to the world or to himself.

Run time: 117 minutes